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UN orders mandatory embargo on arms for South Africa

The United Nations Security Council unanimously imposed mandatory sanctions yesterday on the supply of arms to South Africa. In Pretoria, Mr Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said his country was self-sufficient in the production of armaments required to fight terrorism. Weapons from small to heavy calibre as well as the necessary ammunition were manufactured locally.

Decision reached unanimously

From David Cross
New York, Nov 4

The United Nations today approved a mandatory and permanent embargo on the sale of arms to South Africa. It was the first time that the international organization had agreed to impose sanctions against a member state.

The embargo was adopted unanimously by the 15 members of the Security Council, which met here this morning to approve a seven-point resolution. This expresses the council's view that the acquisition by South Africa of arms and related material "constitutes a threat to the maintenance of international peace and security".

It calls on all countries, including non-members of the United Nations, to "cease forthwith" any provision to South Africa of arms and related materials of all types, including the sale or transfer of weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary police equipment and spare parts. The provision of all types of equipment and supplies, and grants of new licensing arrangements for the manufacture or maintenance of such equipment are covered by the embargo.

In response to the wishes, of black African countries, the resolution also calls on all nations to review "all existing contractual arrangements with and licences granted to South Africa" for the manufacture and maintenance of arms, ammunition, military equipment and vehicles "with a view to terminating them". Some western countries like France, which have lucrative licensing arrangements with South Africa, were reluctant to agree to this condition.

A further African demand that nuclear cooperation with South Africa should be terminated is partially satisfied. The resolution specified that "all states shall refrain from any cooperation with South Africa in the manufacture and development of nuclear weapons".

The final text represents a compromise between the original wishes of the five Western nations on the council—the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, and Canada—and African representatives. The 49-member African group in the United Nations had originally wanted the council to introduce economic sanctions against South Africa. But such a move was rejected by the five when they opposed three African resolutions earlier this week.

The vetoes gave the Western powers the uncomfortable semblance of siding with Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, against almost all the rest of Africa. At this stage the Western nations were also in favour of a mere six month's arms embargo, subject to a review thereafter.

But today's resolution goes a long way to restoring the credibility of all concerned. The West has insisted throughout that any action against South Africa must not isolate that country completely. Western nations regard an arms embargo as the best means of putting pressure on Mr Vorster to end the repression of opponents of apartheid begun a fortnight ago.

For their part many African countries are still pessimistic about changes in South Africa and see even tougher sanctions as the only response. Now that an embargo on arms is approved, some African nations will want to press for further action. Economic sanctions and even South Africa's expulsion from the United Nations are by no means excluded at some stage in the future.

New York: The United Nations General Assembly today appealed to the Security Council to go farther and consider imposing mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa to force its withdrawal from South-West Africa (Namibia). It requested all states to cease supplying oil and petroleum products.—Reuter.

Pretoria: Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, today called the embargo an incitement to violence, and said it would stiffen the resolve of South Africans to defend their country.

It had not been unexpected he said in a statement, and South Africa had gradually been adapting itself to the likelihood of this eventuality. The republic was fully self-sufficient in the production and maintenance of armaments required against terrorism.

"Significant progress has already been made in the provisioning of armaments required for a conventional onslaught against the republic", he continued. "Weapons ranging from small to heavy calibres as well as the necessary ammunition are made locally.

"Significant progress has also been made with the erection of a local shipbuilding capability. A variety of armed vehicles are manufactured in this country. The development and establishment of a local missile industry has been completed.

"The highest degree of self-sufficiency in telecommunication has been achieved.

"The South African Air Force is equipped with fleets of sophisticated aircraft and we have the capability to add to these fleets and to provide the necessary maintenance."

South Africa was not a threat to peace, Mr Botha said, and the resolution and the previous one condemning South Africa were examples of hypocrisy in the institutions of the international community.—AP.

Men at three power stations walk out over 'no pay' threat

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The Central Electricity Generating Board yesterday gave a warning that power workers taking unofficial industrial action would "not be paid until they resume normal working".

The announcement brought a declaration from one of the power workers' unofficial leaders that the effect of a confrontation between the board and its employees taking part in the action might be to "close down every station in the country".

Members of the shop stewards' committee were trying last night to look for a way of resolving the dispute through mediation.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service said it was unlikely that it could intervene.

The board announcement came after indications that the newly agreed travel allowance, to take immediate effect and ratified yesterday by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, had failed to persuade the power workers to end the disruption.

At two East Midlands power stations, Cottom and West Burton, 1,120 industrial staff walked out on being told they would not be paid while the action continued, and 100 men walked out of Drax, West Yorkshire.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, speaking at a board prize event at Oldbury on Severn power station, Gloucestershire, urged the men at the 65 of the board's 137 stations in England and Wales who are taking action to "follow the clear advice of their unions to resume normal working right away".

The board statement said: "Those staff taking unofficial industrial action are not complying with the National Joint Industrial Council agreement which is incorporated in their individual contracts of employment and are working to rules of their own making.

They are therefore in breach of contract and will not be paid until they resume normal working."

Mr John Lyons, the general secretary of the Engineers and Managers Association, said his members, who include senior technical staff and engineers, would do all they could to keep the power stations going.

The board say that the action has affected about 16,000 of the total industrial workforce of 35,000, but that "not all" of those were taking part.

The men are refusing to cover for absent colleagues, transfer to other sections when requested, and are banning overtime. Their action, which yesterday continued to cause disconnexions of supply throughout the day, started 12 days ago in support of increased shift pay, travel and fuel allowances.

The new travel allowance agreement, giving payments of 80p to £2, was made on Thursday. Union leaders intend to pursue the shift pay issue as part of their annual pay claim. To do so earlier, they say, would be in breach of the 12-month rule.

Mr Bert Perriman, secretary of the unofficial national shop stewards' committee, which is expected to meet on Monday to review the dispute, said: "Obviously they [the board] want a confrontation but this will just make the lads more determined. The effect could be that the men are just going to close down every station in the country."

There were some indications that the board was attempting to keep tension to a minimum by carrying out the threat initially only in West Burton and Cottom.

The board said that workers who continued to take part in the action after being formally warned by local managements that they were in breach of contract would not be paid from then on unless they resumed normal working. By last night it seemed that warnings had not yet been issued in most of the stations.

Death in fire: A crippled woman aged 80 died yesterday trying to keep warm in a power blackout, a senior Gwent fireman said last night (the Press Association reports).

Mrs Doris Yates died in her home in Mill Street, Risca, near Newport, Gwent, where she lived alone, when a gas fire that had been lent to her exploded.

A neighbour, Mrs Margery Birch, who was in the kitchen when the fire started, was burnt trying to rescue Mrs Yates.

Special arrangements were being made last night to help Britain's 1,600 home kidney patients through the power crisis.

In the Bristol area, where 72 people need kidney machine treatment at home, 32 patients are to be brought into the local kidney unit.

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Leyland car supplies at lowest point this year

By Edward Townsend

British Leyland is facing its worst car supply situation this year, the company said yesterday. This follows a month when the group's share of the United Kingdom market has slumped to little over 20 per cent.

The company said it was 40,000 cars short "across the entire range". Dealer stock cover had been adequate for only five weeks so far this year—in July when Leyland's market penetration rose to 29.1 per cent.

Leyland's luxury models, like the Jaguar and Range Rover, traditionally have been in short supply; but it is now clear that output disruptions have progressively starved showrooms of the cheaper models that Leyland needs to sell in high volume if it is to fight off foreign competition and to raise market share.

Figures for October car sales issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that Leyland Cars sold only 21,706 vehicles to give a market share of 20.56 per cent. For the first 10 months, the company's sales totalled 287,189 (24.5 per cent).

Internal labour difficulties, particularly the damaging strike by toolmakers earlier in the year, have caused grave problems for Leyland, but the company yesterday stressed the adverse affect on its operations of a continuous series of component shortages. The protracted strike at Lucas—which supplies electrical components—and 13 other supplier disputes, had held up production.

The joint effect of component holdups was the main reason for the company's application to use half the current £100m of state loan capital earmarked for investment, to ease its cash flow problems.

With production of four models once again halted this week as the result of both internal and external disputes, the company's financial position remains precarious.

Leyland's concern over its poor performance was heightened by the fact that total United Kingdom car sales in October were 10 per cent greater than a year earlier at 105,581. Over the first 10 months, total sales were 1,169,942, a rise of 4.7 per cent.

Ford—also unable to keep up with demand, managed to capture 22.7 per cent of the market in October with its home-produced cars. With the company's German-built imports included, its total penetration was 30.4 per cent.

Strike toll mounts, page 19

Autumn sun mottling drifts of newly fallen leaves on Oxshott Heath, Surrey, yesterday.

Former CIA director fined $2,000

Washington, Nov 4.—Richard Helms, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was today fined $2,000 (£1,110) and given a suspended two-year prison sentence for his failure to tell the Senate foreign relations committee all he knew about the CIA's covert action in Chile. He was also placed on probation for one year.

In passing sentence, District Judge Barrington Parker accepted a White House-approved plea for leniency, but said that it would be the last time he would do so for any public official who violated the law.

"You now stand before this court in disgrace and shame", the judge told Mr Helms. "If public officials ignore the laws, the future of our country is in jeopardy. From this day forward let there be no doubt that no one in government or in a position of responsibility is above the law."

Mr Helms had pleaded *nolo contendere*—no contest—on Monday to two counts of failing to answer the "material questions" of a Senate committee inquiring about CIA activities in attempting to prevent the 1970 election of Salvador Allende as President of Chile.

Judge Parker said that the court ruled Mr Helms guilty as charged. The charges are misdemeanours, each punishable by a minimum of one month in jail and a $100 fine and the maximum one year in jail and the $1,000 fine that the judge imposed for each count.

He said he was suspending the jail sentences and placing Mr Helms on one year of unsupervised probation. The former CIA head must, however, pay the $2,000.

Mr Edward Bennett Williams, Mr Helms's lawyer, and Mr Benjamin Civiletti, representing the Government, had both argued for leniency. "Imposition of incarceration without suspension is inappropriate, not justified, and will not do justice under these circumstances", Mr Civiletti said.

Mr Helms, who was given an opportunity to speak before sentence was passed, told the judge that he had nothing to add to Mr Williams's statement. The defence lawyer had pleaded that Mr Helms was caught between an oath of everlasting silence he had taken with the CIA and the oath which he took when he was questioned on February 17, 1973, and March 6, 1973, before the Senate foreign relations committee.

Mr Williams said Mr Helms "by his lights and by his conscience was guided by one principle . . . what is in the best interests of the United States".

At that point Judge Parker said high Government officials in the Watergate scandal had made the same plea. Mr Williams agreed, but said: "There was no self-interest in this case, no self-gain, no self-emolument."—AP.

Devolution polls 'within a year'

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Government yesterday introduced into the Commons its devolution Bills, duly incorporating the promised modest changes. They purport to perfect the union by transferring part of Westminster's powers to directly elected Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

At Westminster there was characteristically, more interest in the politics of timing than in substance. After last February's debacle with a combined Bill going under to backbench-Labour rebellion, the Government is determined to break the back of the Scotland Bill this month, with rapid resort to a guillotine.

Confident of passage of its timetable motion about November 21, ministers are talking of staging referendums next September or October. For the first time the Government unveiled the simple question it will put to voters registered in Scottish and Welsh constituencies.

"Do you want the provisions of the Scotland [Wales] Act, 1977 to be put into effect?" Assuming a "Yes" majority, the first assembly elections would follow in March, 1979, for about 150 seats in Scotland and about 70 in Wales.

Although Mr Callaghan is widely expected to go to the country by next autumn, there was speculation that the Prime Minister might keep the referendum as a promise for the hustings in Scotland and Wales.

He would say, in effect: "Here are the Bills we promised, back us and we will get to the referendums." Certainly it is difficult to imagine holding the referendums and general elections simultaneously, although it could be done.

The Scotland Bill is of greatest import to the Government. It relies on its Scottish MPs to form a Government, as 39 of the 71 Scottish seats are Labour held.

Rightly or wrongly they are seen to be under the greatest current threat from the Scottish National Party, which demands full independence. Without devolution the Scottish Council of Labour, which is orthodox Labour north of the border, reckons it could hardly face the electorate.

It remains uncertain how many Labour anti-devolutionists will again defy the Government. Of the 22 who voted against the guillotine last February, only a handful of diehard opponents are thought to remain.

But certainly leading the rebellion is Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, who has a hatred for what he calls the evil of ethno-centricity in devolution.

Mr Abse, a skilful parliamentary guerrille, irritated the Government last night by tabling a second reading "reasoned amendment" calling for Shetland also to be given a separate referendum on whether it wished to be treated as part of Scotland.

The special "unitary" Shetland authority, on Thursday

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Mr Desai escapes in death crash

Delhi, Nov 4.—Five members of the crew of an Indian Air Force jet carrying Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, were killed tonight when it crash landed in Assam.

Mr Desai, who is 81, escaped with bruised lips. His son, Mr Kantibhai Desai, is reported to have broken both legs as did Mr P. K. Tungon, Chief Minister of Arunchal Pradesh state. Most of the other members of the Prime Minister's party of about 25 suffered no more than scratches.

The aircraft, a Soviet-made Tupolev 124 transport, was to have landed at Jorhat airport. But bad weather caused it to overshoot the runway and crash land 14 miles away.

Mr Desai was taken to hospital in Jorhat with other survivors. He will return to Delhi tomorrow, having cancelled a tour of eastern Indian states.—Reuter and AP.

Mrs Thatcher shuffles her frontbench team

By Our Political Reporter

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, carried out a minor reconstruction of her frontbench team last night to strengthen the Conservative attack on the Government in what could be the final parliamentary session before a general election.

The new spokesmen on Treasury and economic affairs, under Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, will be Mr Peter Tapsell, who formerly helped to "shadow" the Foreign Office, Mr Nigel Lawson, previously an opposition whip, and Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP for Dover and Deal, who has been promoted from the back benches.

Mr David Howell, who was previously in the Treasury team, has been moved to assist Mr William Whitelaw and he will be joined by Mr Keith Speed, formerly a spokesman on the environment.

Mr Howell worked closely with Mr Whitelaw when he was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and he will have a principal role in handling the legislation on direct elections to the European Parliament. The changes have been made in the home affairs side because of the increasing amount of legislation in the coming session and Mr Whitelaw's other engagements as deputy leader of the party.

Mr Michael Alison, who was formerly a spokesman on Home Office affairs, moves to join the opposition team covering the environment, and Mr Richard Luce, MP for Shoreham, is promoted from the back benches to become a spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs.

An additional whip to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Lawson's appointment will be announced later.

Bournemouth poll on Nov 24

The Conservative Party yesterday moved the writ for the parliamentary by-election in Bournemouth, East, caused by the resignation of Mr John Cordle before the debate in the last session on the select committee's report on the Poulson affair. Polling will be on November 24.

The result at the general election was: Cordle, J. H. (C), 20,790; Musgrave, G. H. (L), 10,129; Lock, D. E. (Lab), 8,422; Hayes, M. (Nat Front), 828. C majority, 10,661.

More TV blackouts likely as dispute reaches impasse

By Martin Huckerby

A weekend of further blackouts on BBC television can be expected because of the continuing pay dispute involving the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs. BBC radio services are also likely to be affected.

The union, which has members in almost all BBC departments, has refused to give warning of which programmes will suffer. The strike committee met yesterday but a spokesman refused to give any information about its decisions.

Since live broadcasts are particularly susceptible to sudden action it is possible that today's sports programmes will be halted.

There are no prospects at present of further talks between the BBC and the union about the dispute. The pay offer, of £11m a year, amounts to a 10 per cent increase on the corporation's total pay bill, and is the maximum allowable under the Government's guidelines.

The BBC has made clear that it will not increase its offer, although it is willing to hold more talks.

Pressure over parents' rights

The Government is being pressed by Conservatives and Liberals to find time during the present session of Parliament for an education Bill in which it is proposed to clarify parental rights. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday that it was intended to give parents more say in the schools their children attended Page 2

Steel cutback sought

Representatives of British Steel Corporation management and unions met yesterday to discuss a joint approach to curbing losses, now running at £10m a week. The corporation wants to implement cutbacks in plant and manpower by common consent Page 19

Npc oxygen pay rise

A 12 per cent rise, with productivity agreements, was accepted by unions at British Oxygen on behalf of 3,000 manual workers. The increase is worth between £12 and £15 a week, and the company says it is within the Government guidelines Page 19

Sturgis case dropped

Charges that Mr Frank Sturgis, convicted of Watergate burglary, had threatened Marita Lorenz to prevent her from testifying as witness before the House of Representatives committee on assassinations have been dismissed in a New York court for lack of proof Page 4

Trees campaign

National Tree Week begins tomorrow as part of a campaign to save Britain's trees, thousands of which have been lost in recent years through felling, Dutch elm disease and drought Page 3

National Theatre in cash difficulty

The financial difficulties of the National Theatre have reached such a point that the Government may have to intervene, Sir Peter Hall, its director, said. This year's deficit is believed to amount to several hundred thousand pounds, and it is costing £1m a year to run the theatre's new building Page 2

US returning crown

The United States is to return St Stephen's crown to the Hungarian Government. The ancient crown, a national symbol for many Hungarians, has been in America since the end of the Second World War Page 4

Diamonds dearer

De Beers, the world's largest producer has announced its biggest single diamond price increases. Rough stones go up by 17 per cent, taking the total since the beginning of the year to 34.5 per cent Page 19

Lord Carver hopeful before Smith talks

Lord Carver's meeting with Mr Ian Smith has been arranged for tomorrow in Salisbury. Despite sceptical utterences by the white régime, the Resident Commissioner-designate believes progress has been made in his talks so far and a further visit to Rhodesia is likely Page 4

HOME NEWS

Pressure for early education Bill to clarify parental rights

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

Mrs Williams was left in no doubt yesterday that she and the Government will be under increasing pressure during the coming session of Parliament to find time for an education Bill that will include as one of its main points clauses to clarify parents' rights concerning the education of their children.

The Bill was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech on Thursday, but was referred to by Mr Callaghan when he opened the five-day debate on the Address in reply to the speech as being one of the desirable measures that would be brought before the House if time could be found.

Yesterday, as both Liberal and Conservative leaders made clear to her that time must be found, Mrs Williams gave details of her legislative proposals. Indeed, in some of those, particularly the scheme to clarify the law giving parents certain rights over the choice of schools for their children, the secretary of state is likely to have more opposition from certain sections of her own party than from the other side of the House.

Behind the scenes there is considerable controversy over the idea of parental choice, with opposition coming from Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, and behind him from his wife, Mrs Caroline Benn, who has been campaigning against statutory rights on those lines.

Indeed, Mr St John-Stevas, the Conservative spokesman on education, opening the campaign to move the education Bill into the realms of reality, demanded to know who was the secretary of state. "It is bad enough having Macbeth in the Cabinet, but we do not want Lady Macbeth around too", he said.

It was extraordinary that Mrs Williams had outlined the contents of a Bill that was not before the House. It had vanished without trace, yet its contents had been sedulously leaked to the press, including *The Times* and *The Times Educational Supplement*. The Bill was a great educational mystery, like the Sherlock Holmes story of the dog that did not bark.

But yesterday Mrs Williams made clear that with a possible general election in the not too distant future she cannot allow herself and the party to appear to be ignoring parental feelings over the education of their children. Opening the second day of the debate, with the Prime Minister seated behind her as she spoke, she told the Commons that the "Great Debate" on education showed the desire of parents to be more involved in their children's education.

She hoped it would be possible to include in the legislative programme for the coming session a Bill that would help to open up schools to the community through a fresh approach to school government and to give parents more say in the schools their children attended.

Mrs Williams gave a general welcome to the Taylor report on the government and management of schools and it is expected that the proposed legislation will concentrate on three of its main recommendations: that every school should have its own board of governors; that each board should be made up of equal numbers of parents, school staffs, representatives of the local community and of the local education authority; and that parents, staff and governors should be chosen through school-based elections.

She felt that that would not diminish the professional responsibility of the teacher or the statutory right of the local authorities, but it would create a kind of forum for discussion, explanation and consultation that would enable them to open the relationship between schools and the community.

Mrs Williams went on to say that the law on school admissions was confusing and contradictory. The extent to which parents could express preferences varied widely from one part of the country to another.

Although most parents would want their children to attend the school nearest to them, admission procedures should take account of parental wishes and parents should have that preference taken into account with other relevant factors.

The legislation would also require authorities to set out admission procedures clearly and provide for a coherent system of appeals by parents, first to the local authority and then to ministers.

She added that other parts of the Bill would extend mandatory awards to certain courses provided in Community countries, simplify arrangements for provision of school uniforms and empower the secretaries of state for education and for Wales to commission educational research and development by local authorities and other bodies.

The Bill would also give statutory backing to the industrial scholarship scheme, which aims at attracting more of the most able entrants of higher education into engineering courses directly relevant to United Kingdom industry.

Our Education Correspondent writes: Mrs Williams said that the Chancellor's recent announcement that £6m was being added to the education budget through the rate support grant would provide for a thousand more teachers for deprived areas and would also increase the number of discretionary awards to students not eligible for mandatory grants.

At the time of the Chancellor's statement Mrs Williams spoke only of an extra £4.5m for education, which she said would provide for the additional teachers, so that leaves £1.5m for extra discretionary awards.

In practice all the extra money becomes absorbed in the global sum handed out to local authorities in the rate support grant, which they can spend in any way they wish. So there is no guarantee that any of the £6m will be used for more teachers or additional discretionary awards.

Mrs Williams also said that she was launching a £3.5m programme for support training and retraining in mathematics, the physical sciences, and craft, design and technology, three areas in which there are acute shortages of teachers.

Replies to the department's draft circular on information for parents about schools have been received and Mrs Williams said that she would be sending out before the end of this month a circular to authorities on the kind of information that should be made available.

When she first announced in the Green Paper on education in the summer that authorities were to be asked to carry out a review of curricula arrangements in their areas, Mrs Williams spoke of a circular going out in the autumn, with the expectation of replies coming in 12 months later.

Yesterday, however, she said that local authorities would have to submit details of arrangements to the department by the end of next June. No circular has been sent out yet.

A group has been set up to study 16-plus examinations. Mrs Williams also announced that she had decided to set up a small group under an independent chairman to study the Schools Council proposals for a Certificate of Extended Education (CEE) for non-A level pupils who wish to continue for only one year in the sixth form.

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Reducing the sacrifices at pagan winter festival

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Britain officially goes to blazes tonight. Though we make Guy Fawkes and the 1605 gunpowder plot the excuse, some historians claim that we are really indulging in an ancient tradition derived from pagan winter festivals.

The pre-Christian Celts, Saxons and Vikings lit bonfires, paraded torches and made sacrifices at the beginning of winter to keep away evil influences, maintain the earth's fertility and keep themselves warm.

The authorities are hoping that sacrifices this year will be kept to a minimum. There has not been a fatality from Bonfire Night fireworks since 1971, but every year more people, principally children under 13, are injured.

Last year 685 people required hospital treatment, and though that was an improvement, the number who were seriously injured was up on 1975.

The demand for fireworks is unabated. This year many retailers appear to have underestimated it, and manufacturers report that they have been hard put to meet late repeat orders.

Though the number of British firework manufacturers has dwindled to five, and their hand-packed products have rocketed in price, it is estimated that 120 million fireworks will be going up in smoke tonight.

Warnings of the dangers involved have been given on television eight or nine times a night for three weeks. The Firework Makers' Guild has printed 150,000 posters spelling out the Firework Code.

There will be more organized displays than ever this year. London alone has more than 30. At the Pickerts Lock Centre, Edmonton, one typically elaborate display will be exploding £3,500 of fireworks at the rate of £65 a minute, finishing with a fiery portrait of the Queen to the strains of "Land of Hope and Glory".

Displays bring their own risks and injuries reported from them have been increasing. Yesterday a spokesman for the Firework Makers' Guild gave a warning against confusing organised displays with cases where local authorities have simply made areas in parks available for fireworks.

The guild regards the latter as "extremely dangerous" because inadequately supervised children might endanger each other by misuse of fireworks.

The Red Cross advices all parents organizing bonfire parties to be sure to have a damp blanket and a bucket of water to hand, and a freshly laundered pillowcase available for the treatment of burns.

Statutory spending on assembly

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voted to hold an immediate sounding, by postal ballot, of its voters. Mr Abse, who has just visited the islanders, said: "I shall be surprised if they don't vote 'No'".

Others at Westminster tended to dismiss the point. But Mr Abse, successful last year in getting the Government to agree to referendums for Scotland and Wales, is a serious wrecker. He points to the 60 per cent of potential North Sea oil that is to come ashore in Shetland.

"We are not talking about Pimlico", he said. Were the Scottish nationalists to get control of the new assembly, Shetlanders fear that it could "totally snarl up the retrieval of United Kingdom oil . . . and subvert the whole strategy upon which our present economic plans rest".

Of course, the Government in no way concedes a scrap of control over North Sea oil to the proposed assembly. It is given specific devolved legislative powers (whereas Wales is given only administrative or "executive" authority) but only in the same closely defined areas as before, such as parts of health and education policy. The exclusions still run to many pages of an appended schedule.

First reactions from the Scottish National Party emphasized that party's predictable displeasure. Even as an interim arrangement the minimum acceptable was "a designated share of the total tax revenue accruing to the Government", Mr Gordon Wilson, MP for Dundee, East, exclaimed.

But the Government was offering only block grant finance with this change: that instead of annual review the Government was prepared to discuss a statutory level of expenditure to remain in force for several years, once the devolved administrations were in office.

The Liberals welcomed that as part of what they called a "significant improvement", thanks to their influence on the Government, Mr Russell Johnston, MP for Inverness and leader of the Scottish Liberals, promised that the Liberals would try to amend the Government's intention to have the traditional first-past-the-post method of election to the assembly. They, of course, wanted proportional representation.

There is to be a free vote on the method of election, but with only a few proportional representation allies to be found on Labour and Tory benches the chances for a Liberal amendment look slight.

Other changes in the Bills include, for Scotland, the power of the assembly to dissolve itself, provided there is a two-thirds vote; elections would only be for the unexpired remainder of the fixed four-year term.

Responsibility for implementing EEC and other international obligations is devolved, with the Government seeing that no breaches occur in such obligations.

The Welsh Assembly is specifically given the power to review the structure of Welsh local government. That was applauded by Mr Geraint Howells, Liberal MP for Cardigan.

In Scotland, on the conduct of legal proceedings about rivers, there are important new provisions for devolution issues. This is whether any act of the assembly or action of the Secretary of State for Scotland is within their respective competence.

The change is that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is to be the final court of reference. The previous objection has been that the Secretary of State had too much power in this regard.

Sir Harold Wilson takes a professional's look at twelve predecessors

Top marks for Macmillan but Gladstone fails

By Alan Hamilton

Which British prime minister was so drunk in the Commons that he could not see the Speaker; who was caught at Windsor Castle with his trousers in disarray; who fulfilled his three ambitions to lead the country, marry an heiress and win the Derby; and who broke the record of his immediate predecessor for the greatest number of book signings in one week?

The answer to the last is Sir Harold Wilson, and the replies to the first three are contained in his latest work, a linked book and television series on some of his illustrious predecessors. For the record, they were the younger Pitt, Palmerston and Rosebery.

Sir Harold, who claims always to have nurtured an ambition to be an historian, offered a preview of his series, *A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers*, at a luncheon given by the *Evening Standard* in London yesterday. He was, he said, looking at his subjects, the 12 most significant prime ministers of the last two centuries, from a different angle from the historians, who always got everything right.

"I see them as fellow professionals dealing with the same problems and pressures I had to cope with", Sir Harold said, embellishing the thought with one of his favoured down-to-earth metaphors about the England cricket captain who wins the toss in the morning and knows whether he has made a mistake by lunchtime.

In his series Sir Harold attempts to rehabilitate Baldwin, whom he sees as a leader trying to reunite the country after the General Strike, is more understanding than most Historians about Ramsay MacDonald, but is unusually critical of Gladstone, in spite of his admission that he slept his first 18 years with a picture of the Liberal leader above his bed.

In the first of the series, due to be shown on most independent television stations tonight, he positively warms to his old Commons sparring partner, Mr Harold Macmillan. "The House used to fill when he and I were facing each other. It was like a tennis match with both of us at the net", Sir Harold declares to the camera.

"Macmillan was a great poseur, presuming to be rather lighter than he was, but behind it all he was very shrewd and hard working", Sir Harold says. He likens the former Tory leader to a Siamese cat, with a superb instinct for the next soft move, and purring as his claws sink into a victim.

With his partner in the enterprise, Mr David Frost, Sir Harold is set to make a considerable sum from his latest offering, but he disclosed yesterday that not all his literary works have been so successful. During his last year at Oxford he wrote a learned economic treatise called *The State and the Railways*. It was never published, nor is it likely to be; the manuscript was stolen from his home.

National Theatre in financial difficulty

By a Staff Reporter

Sir Peter Hall, the director of the National Theatre, said yesterday that the financial difficulties of the theatre seemed to have reached a point at which the Government would have to intervene.

The deficit this year is believed to amount already to several hundred thousand pounds, and while Sir Peter thought it was inevitable that such losses were incurred, he felt the time had arrived for remedial action from the Government.

Officials at the theatre said that the organization was underfunded, and that that was recognized by the Arts Council and the Greater London Council. They pointed out that it cost £1m a year to run the new building, compared with very small costs for running their previous home, the Old Vic.

They could not make any further cutbacks, it was argued, and could hardly do any better business at the box office, as nearly all performances were sold out.

No specific application for extra funds is likely to be made to the Government in the immediate future, but talks are going on all the time between the theatre and the Arts Council, through which the government subsidy is channelled.

The National Theatre is not alone in facing difficulties from the expense of running a new building, although its size naturally makes its deficit greater than those of other new theatres. The Arts Council believes that in the long term a resolution will come only from the Government adopting a realistic approach to the funding of the arts as a whole.

An important factor will be the size of next year's grant-in-aid from the Government to the Arts Council. When that is announced the council will know whether it is possible to solve the National Theatre's financial difficulties without doing so at the expense of other artistic organizations, or whether some other solution will be necessary.

An additional difficulty faced by the theatre is posed by an accumulated deficit of £406,000 due to the delays in finishing the new building. The theatre management will be meeting the South Bank Board on Wednesday to ask it to meet the deficit.

Plan for regions to avert 'English backlash'

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Cabinet ministers, determined to head off a repetition of the English backlash that helped to wreck its devolution proposals last session, have devised a method which they hope will have recalcitrant Labour MPs walking through the government lobby this time.

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, will announce in the Commons on Tuesday that the National Enterprise Board is to extend its activities in the North-east and the North-west.

Most of the protests from the Labour ranks over the plan to create assemblies in Scotland and Wales came from MPs representing those regions. They feared that financial resources would be channelled to Scotland and Wales and that the two English regions, both with high rates of unemployment and low industrial investment, would suffer.

The National Enterprise Board, which has directors in the two regions, is to set up subsidiary enterprise boards in the North-east and North-west, modelled on the national organization, with part-time members from both sides of industry.

They will have an interventionist role and considerable autonomy, subject to overall financial constraints. That could be the crucial point politically since MPs are unlikely to be placated by the offer unless they receive guidance on the powers of the regional boards and the funds they will have at their disposal.

Whitehall sources said last night that there would be a financial "cut-off" point, beyond which questions of investment aid for private industry would have to be referred to the parent body.

While the Government's proposal falls short of the demand of some Labour MPs that there should be regional development agencies along the lines of those granted to Scotland and Wales, ministers believe that the NEB proposal should be sufficient to erase fears that the regions could suffer neglect under the devolution plan.

Higher fees rejected as NHS remedy

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

There is no realistic alternative source of finance for the National Health Service to be found in raising charges or through a system of insurance cover, Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday.

The revenue produced from raising prescription charges from 20p to 50p would produce £45m. If hospitals made "hotel" charges of £20 a week for all patients except children, the elderly, the mentally ill and short-stay patients, £90m would be produced, against heavy administrative costs.

Those were large figures, Mr Barnett said, but were a tiny amount in relation to the more than £6,000 needed to run the health service.

Mr Barnett, who was speaking at a study course arranged by the North West Regional Health Authority in Blackpool, said that there were objections to any attempt to rely on private insurance schemes.

They were costly to administer and soaked up funds that would be better used for providing health care.

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Bank manager gives thieves £30,000 to free his family

By Stewart Tendler

The manager of a bank in north London yesterday handed £30,000 to a gang who burst into his home after he had left for work and held his wife and two children hostage.

Detectives were searching last night for three men and examining a grey van used by the gang. Mr John Paouros and his wife, Maria, were being interviewed at their home in Southgate, north London.

Mr Paouros, manager of a branch of the Bank of Cyprus in Holloway, left home at 8.45 am. After he reached his office the gang telephoned to him and told him of their demands. They allowed him to speak to his wife and then made arrangements for him to deliver the money.

He met a member of the gang driving the van near the bank.

He returned to his office and called the police, who went to his home and found Mrs Paouros tied up.

Last September the bank was raided and £50,000 stolen.

Customer foils raiders

Armed bank raiders who shot and wounded a Securicor guard, escaped empty-handed at Barclays Bank, Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, yesterday, after one of them was tackled by a customer, who snatched their bag containing a few thousand pounds.

Farm workers' 13 pc deal puts minimum at £43

Farm workers in England and Wales have been awarded average increases of between 11 and 13 per cent, compared with the Government's 10 per cent guideline.

The agreement means weekly increases of between £4 and £7.75, raising the basic minimum from £39 to £43 a week.

Praise for 'positive Bill'

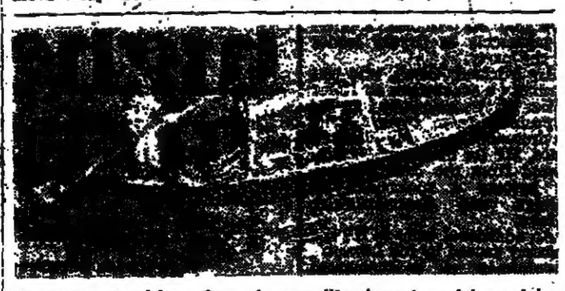
From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

The new devolution Bill for Scotland, published yesterday, was welcomed by Scottish Liberals as the most positive statement on the issue to have come out of Westminster. But they criticized the denial of revenue-raising powers to the Scottish assembly, and of more economic independence to the Scottish Development Agency.

Mr Russell Johnston, MP for Inverness, the leader of the Scottish Liberal Party and chief negotiator on devolution with the Government, said the most important change was the move away from annual negotiation over the block grant. He also believed the quasi-constitutional court meant that the overriding powers of the Secretary of State, which had been criticized by many, including the Liberals, were strikingly reduced.

Mr Edward Taylor, MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, opposition spokesman on Scottish affairs, and a strong anti-devolutionist, thought the Bill would be rejected at the referendum stage.

Mr Gordon Wilson, MP for Dundee, East, deputy parliamentary leader of the Scottish National Party, said the assembly as proposed did not meet the legitimate demands of the Scottish people.



Dangerous novelties: One of some illuminated model gondolas imported from Italy that have been discovered to be potentially lethal. They are between 14 and 18 inches long, finished in gold, metallized paint and marked "Venezia". The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said yesterday that on two gondolas examined live wires were accessible, and there was a danger that the surface of the ornament could become live.

New year rise in rail fares almost certain

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

An application by British Rail to increase passenger fares in the new year is almost certain to be allowed, although the Price Commission is to investigate the proposals.

The British Rail application to the commission was made on October 7. The commission stated yesterday: "It is expected that British Rail will be fully entitled to the proposed increases."

It is unlikely that the increases will be as high as some estimates of 15 per cent.

British Rail promised that there would be no further increase this year, and that any increase in the new year would bear a relationship to the projected rate of inflation at the time of the increase.

There have been some improvements in the railways' economic position this year, notably an increase of 3.5 per cent in passenger-mileage in the first 32 weeks and a reduction in manpower of 8,000 jobs.

Minister attacks 'Jeremiahs' over sterling

By Our Political Reporter

Industrialists and politicians who questioned the Government's decision to allow the pound to float upwards were criticized as "Jeremiahs" last night by Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

He said he very much regretted the reaction of industrialists, without naming the Confederation of British Industry.

"I know we have been told during the last few days that an appreciation in the exchange rate will carry with it substantial penalties for industry", he said at the annual dinner of the Bolton, West, constituency Labour Party. "Indeed, most of the industrial comments we have seen and read have ignored the advantages to the consumer and concentrated on the extra burden some exporters claim they will face.

"I very much regret that reaction as should everyone who remembers the dark days when foreign governments and bankers could not wait to sell their sterling holdings. In the past months they were anxious to buy the pound and we ought to rejoice in their demonstration of faith in our financial success and economic potential", he said.

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Union says no customs check during stoppage

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

There will be no checks on passengers during a proposed four-hour stoppage by immigration and customs officers at British ports and airports on Tuesday, the Society of Civil and Public Servants said yesterday.

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the customs and immigration division of the union, said: "If the departments are pretending that there are likely to be, they are being totally irresponsible."

Earlier the Home Office and Customs and Excise Department told me that both sets of controls would operate, though there might be some delay for passengers passing through immigration checks.

Police dossier charge

John Kilby Groves, aged 46, a retired detective chief superintendent, who served with Scotland Yard, was charged at Cannon Row police station, London, yesterday with passing details of a police dossier to the late Sir Eric Miller in return for meals and a hired car.

Mr Groves was charged with offences under the Official Secrets Act, 1911, and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1906. He was given bail and is to appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on Monday.

The charge under the Official Secrets Act alleges that Mr Groves obtained 154 pages of a dossier on Mr Judah Binstock, the international financier, who fled from a police investigation. He is alleged to have passed details of it to Sir Eric.

The other three charges allege that he received £84 of refreshments at the Churchill Hotel, London, and the use of a hired car as an enticement to show favour, or reward for having shown favour, to Sir Eric.

Aspects of beauty

During the next six weeks *The Sunday Times Colour Magazine* sets out to examine the many differing aspects of beauty. In tomorrow's first part Peter Quennell, the historian, describes how fashions have changed over the centuries. There is also the second extract from Richard Crossman's diaries.

Christmas bonus for 10 million

By Our Political Staff

The Government's Bill to give a tax-free £10 Christmas bonus to 10 million people, including 8,500,000 pensioners, first announced in the Chancellor's statement in the Commons last week, was presented to Parliament yesterday.

For the first time the bonus, which will cost £100m, will go to people who are receiving an invalid care allowance or non-contributory invalidity pension, including its extension to housewives from November 17.

Rare Tournai tapestry sold for £26,000

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

A rare Tournai *millefleurs tapestry of around 1500-1520* was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £26,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000). An engaging unicorn is depicted confronting a camel-like creature ridden by a ferocious winged beast. As *millefleurs* implies, the confrontation takes place in a densely flowering landscape.

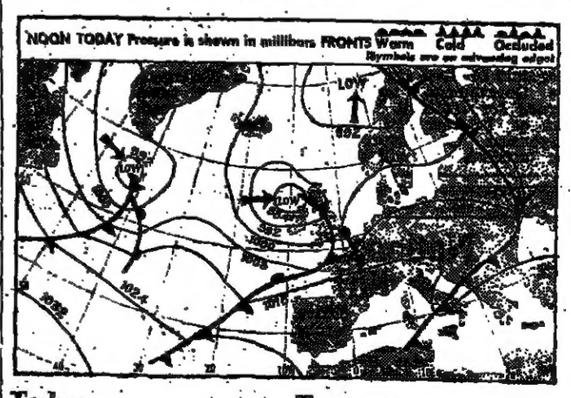
There were not, however, buyers for all the tapestries. A fine Brussels specimen of around 1530 was unsold at £5,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) and two Antwerp tapestries of around 1675 were unsold at £5,200 and £5,000 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000 each).

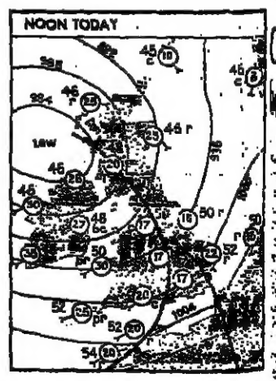
The sale combined tapestries, carpets and Continental furniture and totalled £124,277, with 21 per cent unsold. The bidding was fairly selective throughout.

Outstanding among the furniture was a suite of south German marquetry seat furniture. The suite comprises six chairs and a sofa, the tall shaped backs centred by finely depicted Italian comedy figures. They date from the mid-eighteenth century and no similar pieces are recorded. They made £14,000 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000) to Sabatier.

A sale of Continental pictures of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries at Christie's proved a little less buoyant than usual, totalling £236,700, with 20 per cent unsold. The German and Dutch works commanded the highest prices.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; pr—periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.1 am. Sun sets: 4.27 pm
Moon sets: 1.43 pm. Moon rises: 12.51 am tomorrow
New Moon: November 11.
Lighting up: 4.57 pm to 6.33 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.14 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 8.2 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Avonmouth, 12.21 am, 9.8m (32.2ft); 12.54 pm, 9.9m (32.6ft). Dover, 5.7 am, 5.2m (17.2ft); 5.53 pm, 5.2m (17.1ft). Hull, 12.32 pm, 5.6m (18.4ft). Liverpool, 5.20 am, 7.1m (23.4ft); 5.43 pm, 7.4m (24.1ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.3 am. Sun sets: 4.25 pm
Moon rises: 12.51 am. Moon sets: 2.9 pm
Lighting up: 4.58 pm to 6.34 am.
High water: London Bridge, 8.22 am, 5.6m (18.3ft); 9.18 pm, 5.6m 19.1ft. Avonmouth, 1.46 am, 9.8m (32.3ft); 2.18 pm, 10.2m 33.6ft. Dover, 6.21 am, 5.4m (17.6ft); 7.2 pm, 5.4m, 17.9ft. Hull, 12.41 am, 5.8m (19.2ft); 1.52 pm, 5.8m, 19.0ft. Liverpool, 6.33 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 6.55 pm, 7.6m, 24.9ft.

A deep depression will move into N Scotland, with associated troughs of low pressure crossing all areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, E, SE England: Cloudy with periods of rain, brighter and mostly dry later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Central S, Central N, SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Cloudy, periods of rain, becoming brighter with showers; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain at first, showers, frequent and heavy in places and bright intervals spreading quickly E; wind SW, veering W, fresh or strong, gales in exposed places; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Cloudy with rain, sunny intervals and showers later, dying out in evening; wind S, veering SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Moray Firth, NW Scotland: Cloudy, periods of rain, perhaps snow on mountains; wind SE, fresh, veering SW; max temp 8°C (46°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright and dry at first, cloudy with rain later; wind SE, moderate, backing E, fresh; max temp 7°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Showers and sunny intervals, but more general rain spreading across most parts later; temp rather below normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind SW, strong or gale; sea very rough.

Irish Sea: Wind S, veering SW, strong or gale; sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 13°C (55°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,008.6 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sh, showers; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Abrdeen	c	12	54	Cardiff	f	11	52	J. Balmis	f	20	68	Naples	f	20	68
Algiers	f	20	77	Cologne	sh	9	48	Jersey	f	11	61	Nice	f	17	63
Amsterdam	f	11	52	Copenhgn	f	10	50	Locarno	c	16	61	Oslo	f	9	48
Athens	s	19	66	Dublin	r	9	48	London	s	11	61	Paris	f	15	59
Barcelona	s	25	77	Edinburgh	r	7	45	Luxembourg	c	10	50	Reykjavik	s	4	39
Belfast	f	7	45	Florence	f	20	68	Madrid	c	15	59	Rome	f	22	72
Berlin	r	10	50	Funchal	s	21	70	Majorca	s	22	72	Ronldsway	c	9	48
Biarritz	c	14	57	Geneva	c	5	41	Malaga	f	25	77	Stockholm	c	6	43
Birmingham	s	9	48	Gibraltar	f	23	73	Malta	s	25	77	Venice	c	13	55
Bristol	s	11	52	Guernsey	f	12	54	Manchester	r	9	48	Vienna	f	10	50
Brussels	c	13	55	Innsbruck	s	16	61	Moscow	sn	-5	23	Warsaw	f	13	55
Budapest	s	17	63	Jersey	f	18	65	Munich	r	12	54	Zurich	f	11	52

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Bfr 30; Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Dkr 4.00; Finland, Fmk 3.50; France, Frs 3.00; Gmc TVA; Germany, Dm 2.50; Greece, Dr 50; Holland, Dfl 2.50; Hongkong, HK$ 6.00; Italy, Lire 600; Luxembourg, Lf 30; Madeira, Pes 60; Malta, 6c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 33.50; Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Skr 4.00; Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 25.

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HOME NEWS

Week of campaigning to make good the loss of Britain's trees

By John Young
Planning Reporter

National Tree Week, which begins tomorrow, is for once something more than a well intentioned exercise giving politicians and others a chance to get some free publicity. Organized by the Tree Council, it is the climax of an increasingly urgent campaign to persuade the public that something drastic and perhaps irrevocable is happening to their landscape.

In the past few years the loss of trees to the combined ravages of disease, drought and the bulldozer has been little short of a national disaster. The statistics are fearsome: nine million trees have died of Dutch elm disease, perhaps twice that number have been felled for agricultural purposes and for building and road development, and countless millions of mainly young trees and saplings failed to survive the 1975-76 drought.

According to Mr John Yeoman, director of National Tree Week, Britain has less tree cover than any other country in Europe except Ireland. Only about 8 per cent of the land area is under forestation, compared with an estimated 20 per cent in France and 10 per cent even in the densely populated and intensively farmed Netherlands.

Apart from Dutch elm disease, the main natural predators have been beech bark disease, colloquially known as "snip", because it causes branches to become brittle and break off, and sooty bark, which causes discoloration in sycamores. That was first noted in London about three years ago and has since spread over a radius of more than 150 miles. Grey squirrels have also caused extensive damage, notably in the Chilterns.

Felling for urban development and road schemes, perhaps inevitable, has been compounded by farmers' practice of grubbing up trees and hedgerows to increase acreage and facilitate ploughing.

East Anglia is estimated to have lost four fifths of its trees in the past 25 years, and hedges have been removed at the rate of 7,000 miles a year; the practice is now spreading from the arable country of eastern England to the grazing lands of Somerset and Devon.

It is not only the ecological consequences, the loss of visual attraction and the decline in bird and insect life that concern the Tree Council. There are also economic implications, such as the erosion of topsoil and the fact that Britain already imports nine tenth of its commercial timber needs.

Public funds for tree planting schemes are channelled through the Forestry Commission and the Countryside Commission, but the response varies from excellent, among, for instance, new town development corporations, to indifferent by some local authorities. Given the high costs of planting and the low survival rate in the early years of young trees, the money available is quite inadequate.

The council would like to see 40 million new trees planted in the next 25 years, but has settled for a target of 20 million just to retain the status quo. The aim of National Tree Week is to involve not just public bodies, but also the general public, from landowners to schoolchildren. In Mr Yeoman's words: "We can no longer just leave it to nature".

Young musicians at auditions in London yesterday for the first European Community Youth Orchestra.

Wernher ivories bought for nation

By Geraldine Norman

The nation has acquired the medieval ivories from the Wernher collection at Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire, in lieu of tax after the death of Sir Harold Wernher in 1973, it was announced yesterday.

The net sum that is worth to the Wernher estate has been announced at £330,000. That implies an open market valuation of the ivories of about £700,000.

The ivories, nine pieces, include a tenth-century triptych of the Virgin and Child, a superb example of the best period of Byzantine ivory carving.

From the Carolingian era are two beautiful leaves from a book cover depicting the Last Supper and the Agony in the Garden, dating from the tenth or eleventh century.

Another leaf of a book cover, depicting Daniel in the Lion's Den, is of great freshness and beauty and believed to be of English origin, possibly from Bury St Edmunds, and dating from the eleventh or twelfth century.

A fragment depicting "The Miracle of the Jew", part of a diptych attributed to the Master of the Kremsmunster Diptych, represents the fourteenth century. The sale has been negotiated by Christie's.

Luton Hoo, a fine Adam house in a Capability Brown garden, was acquired by Sir Julius Wernher in 1903. He filled the house with art. In 1948-50 Sir Harold Wernher, Sir Julius's son, created a museum wing in the house which he opened to the public.

Ceding the ivories to the nation will enable the rest of the collection to be kept together for public display at Luton Hoo.

The ivories will be transferred from the private museum at Luton Hoo to a publicly owned museum.

Windscale report expected at end of the year

From Pearce Wright
Science Editor
Whitehaven

The report to the Government with the recommendations of the Windscale inquiry should be ready about the end of the year, Mr Justice Parker, the inspector indicated at the close of the tribunal yesterday.

Surveying the mass of evidence, which has grown into a pile of documents about 14½ft high, in the 100 days of hearings, which began on June 14, Mr Justice Parker said that his most difficult task was ahead.

Formally he was closing a public local planning inquiry. It was into an application for planning permission to establish a plant for reprocessing irradiated oxide nuclear fuels and support site services at Windscale and Calder works, Sellafield, Cumbria.

Yet the establishment of the inquiry has been a source of argument in itself, because many objectors to the expansion of nuclear power believed it was not sufficiently wide-ranging to discuss matters that involved important issues.

The value will be assessed from the way the pile of information on national and international energy policies, proliferation of weapons, threats to the environment from radioactive waste, risks from accidents and terrorism, and many other topics are distilled in a form for a decision by the Cabinet.

The inquiry achieved its first objective: to put, for the first time, the debate about nuclear power to the test of cross-examination by the most rigorous processes of advocacy.

On the surface the issue was straightforward. Should British Nuclear Fuels be allowed to build a new factory costing £600m, which would be financed largely by Japanese electricity utilities who wanted to send waste nuclear fuel to Windscale for reprocessing?

Closing the case for British Nuclear Fuels, Lord Silsoe said yesterday that the inquiry had gathered an enormous amount of information, some said too little, and others said too much; but he believed there was ample for the inspector to make a recommendation for the granting of the application.

He recognized many of the anxieties expressed by opponents, particularly concern about future generations; it was our descendants who would reap what benefits or detriments there might be.

If the decision was in favour of the application it would be helpful to show that those who did oppose nuclear power development irrationally, and he did not mean to be insulting, he said, that they were being irrational.

They might be creating greater risk if they succeeded in their opposition, Lord Silsoe declared.

Nairac case 'confession' admissible

From Annabel Ferriman
Dublin

An alleged confession to the murder last May of Captain Robert Nairac, the British Guards officer, was ruled admissible in evidence at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday.

Mr Justice D'Arcy ruled that a confession given by Liam Patrick Townson, aged 24, an unemployed joiner from Meigh, co Armagh, was given voluntarily and without threat or inducement.

Five other statements, including a confession alleged to have been dictated to a police officer, were ruled inadmissible, on the ground that Mr Townson had been denied his constitutional right to see a solicitor.

Mr Justice D'Arcy said he was satisfied that Mr Townson had confessed on May 30, two days after his arrest, to shooting Captain Nairac, who disappeared from outside a public house in Drumintee, co Armagh, on May 15. His body has never been found.

In the alleged statement that was admitted Mr Townson said: "I will tell you the truth. I shot the British captain. He never told us anything. He was a great soldier."

Mr Townson said that after Captain Nairac had said he was a member of the Official IRA "I told him I did not believe him, that he was a British soldier and I had to kill him".

He said he hit the captain on the head with his fist and with the butt of his gun. The statement added that Captain Nairac said: "You are going to kill me, can I have a priest?" Mr Townson continued: "He was in a bad state. I aimed at his head. I only put one in him. The gun misfired a few times. I left the body there and went home across the fields. I don't know where the body is, and that is the truth."

Mr Justice D'Arcy also said that a later alleged statement, made after Mr Townson had seen a solicitor, was also admissible, and not only voluntary but volunteered. Mr Townson had said to two police officers: "Will I be hanged for this? I will swing for nobody. I will kill myself tonight."

The court, which had considered the admissibility of the statement for two days, rejected allegations that there were threats to put Mr Townson across the border, and that he was put against a wall, held down and shouted at.

Mr Justice D'Arcy said: "We are satisfied that between 4 pm and 7 pm there was a deliberate and conscious denial of access to a solicitor and therefore a breach of constitutional rights."

Those statements were "tainted with constitutional irregularities". Any exhibits recovered as a result of the statements, including two guns found in a field, were also inadmissible, he said.

The trial continues on Monday.

Squatting initiatives 'may make matters worse'

By Our Planning Reporter

Squatting is not a subject for confrontation politics, Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, told the annual conference of the Institute of Housing in Brighton yesterday.

Ill considered, one-off "initiatives" would not work, but might make matters worse, he said. Only the simple-minded would treat squatting simply as an issue of "law and order".

"Of course, the disruption caused to housing programmes by some squatters' delaying rehabilitation schemes has had serious consequences, and I have also been particularly worried by reports of squatters taking over homes allocated to bona fide tenants", he concerned to back the system indirectly, some quatters had prevented people living in poor conditions from being decently rehoused.

Some homeless people had squatted in desperation, he said. The duty to help them did not justify some groups, "answerable to none but themselves, and a few more concerned to back the system than to use the democratic process to improve housing conditions," in dictating to local authorities to whom they should offer tenancies.

Mr Freeson suggested that more authorities and housing associations should arrange for the prompt use of short-life properties.

Lawyers to protest at RUC interrogation methods

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Concern over interrogation methods used by the Royal Ulster Constabulary will be voiced at an emergency protest meeting of solicitors in Belfast on Wednesday.

The meeting comes after the disclosure earlier this week that Amnesty International is to investigate allegations of RUC brutality.

One suggestion that will be put to the meeting is that all solicitors representing clients accused of terrorist-type offences should withdraw from the Diplock courts and refuse to participate further in no-jury trials until moves are made to curb aspects of police behaviour.

The decision to call the meeting was taken at a meeting of 10 solicitors in co Antrim on Thursday. All those attending were Roman Catholics, but it is expected that Protestant solicitors, who regularly act for extreme "loyalists" will also take part next week.

The Law Society of Northern Ireland refused yesterday to comment on the implications of the suggested protest. But legal experts in Belfast believe that solicitors who refuse to represent clients could be subject to internal disciplinary proceedings.

Invitations to attend next week's meeting are being sent over the weekend to all solicitors practising in Northern Ireland. But the present disquiet is strongest among the limited number, estimated at about 30, who specize in defending clients accused of terrorist offences.

The solicitors behind the new move allege that they are being denied access for 48 hours and longer to clients held in police custody, and that many suspects have been ill treated while being questioned. Allegations of systematic brutality have been repeatedly and strenuously denied recently by Mr Kenneth Newman, Chief Constable of the RUC.

One solicitor who attended the meeting in co Antrim, Mr Kevin Agnew, a known republican sympathizer and a member of Provisional Sinn Fein, said yesterday in co Londonderry: "If there is a general decision to pull out, then any solicitor on the republican side who chooses to continue to go into the courts runs the risk of being repudiated there by his own clients".

I understand that private discussions about the proposed action have taken place between several solicitors and men in custody on terrorist charges within the past three weeks. Informal talks about methods of protesting against RUC behaviour have also taken place between various solicitors at the Crumlin Road courthouse, in Belfast.

Any concerted action by lawyers could greatly embarrass the Northern Ireland Office. Ministers, including Mr Mason, the Secretary of State, are angry about the recent damaging allegations against the police.

An investigation by *The Times* indicates that not all Belfast solicitors are anxious or willing to withdraw from the Diplock courts, even if they support the general criticism of the RUC.

Councillors told to think before objecting to plans

By Christopher Warman,
Local Government
Correspondent

People at the grass roots should think before they voiced their objections to every planning proposal that might affect their environment, a planning consultant said at the conference of the National Association of Local Councils

Mr E. R. Taylor, senior partner in the Development Planning Partnership, Bedford, called for a new approach by councils to town planning and development. Behind every thorn in a council's side was a basic difficulty. It might be the concern of an individual or the "big brother metropolitan council".

"If you try to identify the problem before raising the loud voice of total objection you may find a mutually acceptable solution," he said. "I find generally that many, but not all, development proposals can be made acceptable if suitable conditions are imposed."

Members of local councils could make a really positive contribution to the planning process by first examining a project in detail at the local planning authority's offices and by talking to the developer before taking up too firm a position.

PARLIAMENT, November 4, 1977

Parental choice and procedure for school admissions covered in the promised Bill on education

House of Commons

Finance was becoming a little easier for education, Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, stated when resuming the general debate on the Queen's Speech. She said the service had been subjected to considerable restraint over the last few years but did not believe it had received disproportionately harsh treatment.

However, there was evidence that the desire of most authorities to give priority to maintaining pupil-teacher ratios had resulted in fewer resources than she would have wished being devoted to non-teaching costs.

She could not anticipate what final decision the Government would reach when the rate support grant settlement for next year was made later this month, but she recognised the difficulties the education service was facing and hoped that the Government would be able to take due account of those problems in their proposals for a settlement.

She intended that there should be a programme to assess comprehensive reorganization beginning in 1978-79 so that the Government's aim to press ahead with comprehensive reorganization might make further progress. Nearly 80 per cent of pupils were receiving non-selective education in over 3,000 comprehensive schools.

Since the passing of the 1976 Education Act she had written to 36 authorities requiring submission of proposals to give effect to the comprehensive principle. Only one of these was completely reorganized. In the other 35, some progress had been made and she had required further proposals to bring about more progress.

She had received proposals from 27 authorities and agreed another six should be given more time to submit proposals. Three proposals had been wholly satisfactory. She was considering with other authorities and where appropriate the governors of voluntary schools.

Proposals made by 10 authorities were for various reasons unsatisfactory and she had required them under the 1976 Act to submit further proposals in substitution for the original ones.

She had heard floating around a few charges that she had turned into a bully, but she had every intention of using the powers conferred on her by Parliament where she regarded the proposals as unsatisfactory.

She must ask the Opposition whether it was sensible or straightforward to counsel delaying tactics using every weapon in the book. It might be politically clever but it was educationally irresponsible. It was as if they knew they were about to win an election. They were not. The damage these tactics created for education must be taken seriously by the House.

The Government's object was to improve standards of all schools and offer more information and involvement to all parents. They believed that certain basic information about schools should be readily available to parents at appropriate stages in their children's school careers.

She would before the end of the month be issuing a circular which provides authorities with a checklist of the kind of information which should normally be available in written form, covering a wide variety of topics, such as school telephone number and arrangements for meeting teachers.

The Government, as did the Liberal Party, wanted to improve the system of school government and in particular increase the involvement of parents and teachers and to make schools more open to the community. They had recently received the report of Mr Tom Taylor's committee on the management and government of schools.

Some of the recommendations were controversial but on others there was sufficient basis of agreement to allow them to act.

We believe each school (she said) should have its own governing body and that representatives of parents, teachers and the community should have a statutory right to membership of that governing body.

This would in no way diminish the professional responsibility of the teacher or the statutory right of the local authorities but it would create the kind of forum for discussion, explanation and consultation which would enable them to open up the relationship between schools and the community.

It had become clear in recent years that the law on school admissions was confusing and contradictory. The extent to which parents could express preferences varied widely from one part of the country to another. For the great majority their nearest school was the one they would naturally attend and their parents would want them to attend. The extent to which parental preference could be made was bound to be limited if a school was oversubscribed. It was contrary to the interest of children already in a school to put undue pressure on them.

We believe (she said) that admission procedures should take account of parental wishes and parents should have that preference taken into account with other relevant factors.

In proposing this general framework to apply equally across the country they were proposing what many local authorities had been able to offer parents.

Legislation would require authorities to set out admission procedures clearly and provide for a coherent system of appeals by parents first to the local authority and then to ministers.

These legislative proposals on Taylor and school admissions were currently the subject of consultations with teachers, local authority associations and others. If there was time for a Bill in this session containing these proposals—and this matter rested in the hands of the House—it would also extend mandatory awards to certain courses partly provided in Community countries, simplify arrangements for the provision of school uniforms and empower the Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Wales to commission educational research and development by local authorities and other bodies. It would give statutory backing to the industrial scholarship scheme, and there might be room for one or two other improvements.

Consultations on the form of the circular which would ask each local education authority to report on various aspects of their curricular arrangements were now almost complete.

She hoped the circular would be issued by the end of November and LEAs would be asked to respond by June 30, 1978. In the light of those responses there would be further consultations on any guidance that might be issued thereafter.

They had set up a group to study proposals for 16-plus examinations and she had decided also to appoint a small group to work quickly on the national certificate of extended education.

That group would have an independent chairman and, as well as representatives of the Department of Education, would include members serving in their individual capacities in schools and further education with appropriate education experience as well as representatives of local authorities, employer and trade union interests. The names would be announced shortly.

Her department was working closely with the Department of Health and Social Security in preparing a new circular on educational provision for the under fives. In addition to the present nursery school programme, for which there had been bids of a total of £4m for a programme amounting to £3.6m, it was hoped to make further provision under the urban programme and details would be announced shortly with a special bias towards inner cities.

Non-event after the razzamatazz

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman on education and the arts (Chelmsford, C) said he hoped Mrs Williams would seek to end the discrimination against the counties in the new rate support grant. One of the reasons why certain counties had had to cut back on their education programme was because they had been discriminated against in relation to the urban areas. It was important that this injustice should be remedied.

For education, the Queen's Speech was a non-event. After all the razzamatazz of the great debate, all the talk about the vital importance of education to the country's future, the declarations of concern about standards and consultation and the crocodile tears about parents' rights, it was extraordinary that there was not a word about education in the entire Speech.

It was also extraordinary that Mrs Williams had outlined the contents of an Education Bill which was not before the House. It had vanished without trace yet the contents had been sedulously leaked to the press, including *The Times* and *The Times Educational Supplement*. What had become of the Bill? It was a great educational mystery like the Sherlock Holmes story of the dog that didn't bark.

But the answer to the mystery was indicated in *The Times Educational Supplement* today. It was the most authoritative report so far. It was headed "Choice row splits Labour". And it said that the department's new legal adviser, Mr P. Harvey, who came from the Home Office, "is believed to be taking to heart the lessons of the Tameside case in which the House of Lords overruled the Education Secretary's judment". Tories were delighted if this were so, and hoped Mrs Williams had noted this, too.

But the article also said that her proposals to strengthen the law to give parents clear choice in the schools to which their children go had started "a bitter controversy in the Labour Party". There was a picture of Mrs Williams together with the words "I will" but another picture, of Caroline Benn, with the words "You won't".

Who was Secretary of State? It was bad enough having Macbeth in the Cabinet, but they did not want Lady Macbeth around, too. (Laughter.)

Mr St John-Stevas then passed a copy of *The Times Educational Supplement* to Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, who was sitting on the front bench next to Mrs Williams. Mr St John-Stevas said he would have thought the Prime Minister, with his interest in education, would already have read it.

Mr Callaghan—I only read about facts, not works of fiction. (Laughter.)

Mr St John-Stevas said that when it came to the crunch, Mrs Williams, for all her charm, was a weak minister, unable or unwilling to take decisive action in education. However, on comprehensive education, she and her department were harrying local authorities and voluntary schools all over the country. She sought to impose ill-thought-out schemes for political and not educational ends.

The Opposition had set the pace of educational discussion and had many positive proposals to put forward. They believed parents must be given a much greater say in the education of their children. National standards in basic literacy and numeracy must be introduced and these standards must be properly monitored by a strengthened schools inspectorate. The restoration of national standards should be accompanied by a continuous assessment of the child's progress throughout his school life.

A pragmatic approach to comprehensive schools was needed, not an ideological one. The Opposition were putting forward a charter for comprehensive schools.

The practical problem of religious education was not assault from without but decay from within. This subject was dying in the schools. They were faced with an emergency. The Opposition would be concerning themselves over the next nine months—if this Parliament lasted that long—with the question of values in the schools.

The Opposition would be holding a conference on this subject in February. He took the opportunity to ask Mrs Williams, if her engagements permitted, whether she would be kind enough to honour them with her presence.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab) said it was deplorable that the Queen's Speech did not indicate that there would be some amending legislation to the Employment Protection Act 1975, because the history of the Grunwick dispute had shown that it had driven a proverbial coach and horses through the Act.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick upon Tweed, L) said the Liberals regretted the omission of the Bill to strengthen parental choice and implement the Taylor report. The issue was given more urgency by the way some authorities, particularly those in which Conservatives had gained power recently, were dealing with school governing bodies.

More funds for neglected parts of NHS

Mr Patrick Jenkin (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C), chief Opposition spokesman on social services, said that the Government had promised a Bill on occupational pensions. The Bill was intended to confer an exclusive right on trade unions to appoint 50 per cent of the representatives of the management on pension funds. Had the Bill been abandoned?

Were they to expect a Bill to make it clear that tobacco substitutes were to be within the scope of the Medicines Act and regulations under it? The House would want to debate some of the issues that had arisen in this area over the past month or so. It would be a pity if by unfair propaganda the introduction of tobacco substitutes were to become a sort of seven-day wonder.

The biggest omission from the Queen's Speech was any reference to the advancing paralysis of the health service.

I remain stupefied (he said) at Mr Ennals's complacency in the face of the mounting tide of criticism of himself and the NHS. Faced with the mounting volume of complaints, mounting evidence of declining standards of care and the still sagging morale of the professions, his inactivity is almost incomprehensible.

The NHS was running out of money. The professions wanted to see a public recognition by ministers that there was not enough money to do everything that was wanted.

They wanted a public recognition that they were having to turn away patients, sometimes for years, because there was not the resources to treat them. The NHS could not meet all the needs immediately that were presented to it and the public must not be led to expect it could.

There should be realism to face the facts, decentralization of administration and incentives to economy. If the real problem was shortage of money, how could it make sense to rule out forever the possibility of raising money by charges?

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services (Norwich, North, Lab), said that having had a spell in hospital he was reminded what civilized, hard-working, caring people were the doctors, nurses and health workers who made up the NHS.

Side by side with the tax reliefs, Mr Healey's package contained a range of measures for the social services adding up to about £180m of new money.

More than half the money earmarked for the Christmas bonus, about £100m, would be spent on a special £10 payment before Christmas to old age pensioners and a number of other groups. It would go to a record number of people, about 10 million, including invalidity pensioners, those in receipt of the attendance allowance, invalidity care allowance, widows, disabled housewives and those receiving non-contributory invalidity pensions.

He had laid down clear priorities for spending on the National Health Service. The NHS needed more money and so did those who worked in it, but to do that resources had to be used effectively to get the best value for money.

I am determined (he said) to shift resources into the neglected parts of the NHS, and that means regional neglect and the neglected services for the elderly and mentally ill and handicapped.

Extra capital available over the next two years would be used to improve old buildings, which would improve the quality of life of many of the people who had to live in them.

There would be an extra £10m for current spending on the health service in England in 1978-79 with commensurate sums in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. This would be sed to ease some of the pressures on the health service, particularly the transitional pressures faced in reorganizing the ticularly the transitional pressures faced in reorganizing the service to meet future demands.

On the review of the Mental Health Act, a great deal of work and consultation was going on and a White Paper formulating the results of the consultation and putting forward the Government's proposals was likely to be published in the early part of next year. It could not be included in legislation this session, but he hoped it was legislation which the Government might be able to include in the following session.

Last June he announced the Government's decision to accept the principle that there should be a scheme of payment for the benefit of those seriously damaged as a result of vaccination. The Government would stand by this commitment and take steps to introduce any necessary legislation as soon as practicable after urgent consideration of the Pearson commission report.

The debate was adjourned until Monday.

The Government Chemist

The most promising site for the laboratory of the Government Chemist, which the Government still intended to move from Waterloo, London, to West Cumbria, was in Cockermouth, Mr Leslie Huckfield, Under-Secretary of State for Industry, said in the adjournment debate in which Mr Roger Sims (Bromley, Chislehurst, C) protested against the proposed move.

Mr Huckfield added that application for outline planning consent had been made and that the outcome should be known shortly. It might be necessary to maintain some of the staff in London to deal with samples and other urgent work originating in the South East.

Dispersal of the laboratory would take white collar jobs into an assisted area where they were lacking.

House adjourned, 4.30 pm.

Anti-crime shop has to close

An anti-crime shop run by the police in Peckham, London, has had to close two months early because there were not enough officers to man it. It was opened near the town centre to publicize the "Beat Crime '78" campaign of the Metropolitan Police and during October handled more than a thousand inquiries.

During the month it was in operation, the police there arrested two men for burglary, dealt with three accidents, and helped businesses to modernize their security precautions.

Tory choice

Mr Timothy Price, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Berwick and East Lothian, resigned yesterday because of business commitments.

Soldier shot

A young soldier on leave was shot and seriously wounded in west Belfast yesterday, only three days before his release from the Irish Guards.

Columnist case to continue in new year

The hearing by a London industrial tribunal of the unfair dismissal claim of Mr C. Gordon Tether, the *Financial Times* columnist, who was dismissed 13 months ago after a protracted dispute over the editor's control of his articles, is likely to set up a new record for length.

Yesterday, after 16 daily sittings, the tribunal adjourned until the new year, when the hearing is expected to occupy at least a further 15 working days. The previous longest hearing lasted 16 days.

Mr Tether, aged 63, wrote the newspaper's Lombard column for 21 years, an achievement that merited an entry in the Guinness Book of Records for a contribution written by one man for the longest period.

Throughout the hearing Mr Tether has been assisted in the presentation of his case by his wife, Iris, his daughter, Melanie, aged 21, who has just come down from Somerville College, Oxford, with an honours degree in politics and economics and his son, Trystan, aged 18, who will be going up to Balliol, Oxford, to read politics, philosophy and economics.

Mr Tether, of Lawfords Hill Road, Worplesdon, Surrey, has rejected the newspaper's compensation offer of full pay until normal retirement age and an unaffected pension. He seeks reinstatement.

Mr Tether, continuing his cross-examination yesterday of Mr Geoffrey Owen, deputy editor of the *Financial Times*, asked whether it was right that the work of a journalist recognized as independent should have words introduced into it which he did not write and would not have written.

Mr Owen replied that any *Financial Times* journalist had to accept the possibility that the editor might wish to change a word, sentence or paragraph in his articles.

Normally such changes would take place after consultation, which might or might not lead to agreement and acceptance by the writer concerned.

He did not recognize the existence of a separate category of journalist known as an independent columnist if that category was taken to imply that someone in it was not subject to the same disciplines and relationship with the editor as any other journalist.

Mr Tether said that in May, 1974, Sir Harold Wilson referred to him in the House of Commons as one of the most distinguished independent writers. Would Mr Owen not say that if people thought a columnist was independent they would assume that all that which appeared under his name came from his pen?

Mr Owen said that if people knew how a newspaper operated and how writers worked they would be aware that any writer, however distinguished, might have some words or sentences changed by his editor.

Asked whether it had ever occurred to him that Mr M. M. H. (Freddy) Fisher (the editor) and he were in the wrong in their judgments on his (Mr Tether's) work, Mr Owen said they had discussed it at great length and felt they were doing the right thing in the interests of the newspaper.

£1m fire damage in market

Arrangements were being made by Bradford council officials last night to open a temporary market after a fire badly damaged John Street market early yesterday.

About 150 stalls and a dozen shops on the perimeter were destroyed in a 90-minute blaze, which was fought by a hundred firemen, four of whom were injured. The damage is estimated at more than £1m and some small traders lost their livelihoods.

WEST EUROPE

Socialist unions in Madrid accept austerity measures

Madrid, Nov 4.—Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Socialist leader, today won a victory for himself and Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, by persuading the powerful Socialist trade unions to drop their opposition to an austerity programme designed to cure Spain's economic ills.

The programme was adopted last month by Señor Suárez, Señor González, Señor Santiago Carrillo, the Communist leader, and other opposition officials to reduce a 30 per cent inflation rate, an unemployment rate of almost 10 per cent and a growing foreign debt.

The Communist unions accepted it, but the Socialist General Union of Workers (UGT) immediately attacked it because it restricts wage increases and under certain conditions allows employers to dismiss up to 5 per cent of their workers.

The UGT had pastered walls and underground stations in Madrid with thousands of posters calling on workers to oppose the programme. These were an embarrassment to the Socialist Workers' Party of Señor Gonzales, which had been assumed to control the UGT.

Señor Suárez made his first official visit to Brussels today and held talks with Mr Roy Jenkins, the EEC Commission president, and other commissioners.

In July Spain applied for membership of the European Community after its first democratic elections in 40 years.

EEC sources said today's talks centred on the preparation of the Commission's formal "opinion" on Spain's application, the first part of the process leading to membership.

Señor Suárez has now visited every EEC capital except Luxembourg to rally support for Spain. He has found strong political support for the application, but also concern about the economic and institutional problems which enlargement of the Community poses.

Carrillo snub: Señor Carrillo said tonight that a pointed snub he received at Kremlin celebrations of the Russian Revolution showed some Soviet leaders still opposed Eurocommunism.

"Our Soviet comrades have still not got used to the idea that Communist parties are independent", he said when he returned from Moscow.

In the Soviet capital, he was not invited to deliver a prepared speech at a Kremlin rally during celebrations this week marking the sixtieth anniversary of the revolution, although speeches were heard from members of far less influential foreign Communist parties.

Mr Lévesque hints at Quebec 'third way'

From Ian Murray
Paris, Nov 4.

There might be "a third way" of settling the question of Quebec, Mr Lévesque the province's Premier hinted here today. He did not elaborate, but he suggested it might "return to the real meaning of the word 'confederation'".

Addressing a press conference at the end of his three-day official visit to France, he said that he was having comprehensive and careful opinion polls organized in the province. The findings were not being published, but they showed that he had an "extremely good" chance of winning a referendum on whether the province should become a sovereign state.

The referendum would not be held, however, until a comprehensive education of the voting public had been carried out. This would not be propaganda but informative.

Mr Lévesque thanked France in general and President Giscard d'Estaing in particular for the warmth of his welcome. The President, he said, had made it clear that Quebec could rely on the support of France whatever it chose to do. France, he said, understood "the God-given right of the people of Quebec to decide their own future".

French questioners at the conference wanted to know principally if his warm welcome here had been an electoral gimmick by the French Government to woo the Gaullist vote at the coming elections. Mr Lévesque replied that he just did not know, although as a practising politician himself he could understand the argument.

The questions in English sought to discover just what he thought he had achieved by his visit. He expanded again on the warmth of his welcome and pointed to the concrete proposals put forward in the joint statement issued at the end of the visit, particularly the annual meetings of heads of government, announced yesterday.

Our Ottawa Correspondent writes: Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said last night that his Government was following Mr Lévesque's visit to France with "some attention" and would tell the French Government if it did not agree with the reception accorded to him.

However, the Prime Minister, speaking at a press conference, carefully avoided making any judgment on the unprecedented welcome given the Premier, which has drawn splash headlines in some Canadian newspapers.

Mr Trudeau had been asked if Canada found acceptable a statement by President Giscard d'Estaing that France recognized Quebec's right to self-determination.

Mr Trudeau noted that the United Nations Charter talked about self-determination of peoples. "It depends on what you mean by 'peoples'. I don't think even Mr Lévesque would agree with the self-determination of peoples of Eskimo and Indian culture within the so-called independent Quebec."

Dutch political negotiations collapse again

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Nov 4

Negotiations between three Dutch political parties on the formation of a new government have broken down for the fourth time since the general election last May.

There is every indication that the collapse of talks between the Socialists and the Christian Democrats is now final. The third party, the small Liberal Democrats '66, were in overall agreement with the Socialists.

The cause of disagreement this time was the refusal by the Christian Democrats to drop Mr Frans Andriessen, their parliamentary leader, as their candidate for the important portfolio of economic affairs. His opinions are considered too conservative in Labour circles.

French unions to fight Barre measures

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 4

The two main trade union organizations in France, the Communist CGT and the Socialist CFDT, have decided to call on their members to take countrywide action against the "new illusory promises" put forward yesterday by M Barre, the Prime Minister, in an attempt to bring down food prices.

M Georges Seguy, the general secretary of the CGT, said that against "the wall of intransigence" of the Government and the employers there would have to be equal action.

M Barre's measures have also been not over-popular with the organizations of the shopkeepers who are in effect blamed and penalized for the rise in food prices.

Bundesrat move to monitor terrorists' legal talk

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Nov 4

The West German Bundesrat (Upper House) today voted to submit a controversial Bill to the Bundestag (Lower House) which would allow the supervision of conversations between jailed terrorists or suspects and their lawyers.

The Bill is based on the strong suspicion that some of the terrorists' lawyers actively conspire with their clients. This suspicion was strengthened by the discovery of pistols, explosives, a communications network, a radio and other objects in cells at Stammheim jail, near Stuttgart, after the deaths of the three Baader-Meinhof terrorists.

The Government has three months to present the Bill to the Bundestag where the Social Democrat-Free Democrat majority is unlikely to let it pass, at least in its present form. The Bundestag alone can enact laws, although the Bundesrat, composed of representatives of the 11 Länder, can propose legislation.

The majority regard the Bill, which would enable a judge to sit in on conversations even if a lawyer were not suspect, as an infringement of civil rights. It proposes instead that the justice authorities be given greater powers to bar suspect lawyers from contacts with their clients and to introduce glass partitions to stop the smuggling of messages and forbidden objects.

The question of supervision is the principal threat to the collaboration on anti-terrorist legislation between coalition and opposition parties which was agreed after the Schleyer kidnapping and Lufthansa hijacking. A Social Democrat speaker warned the Bundesrat that its insistence on presenting a Bill reduced the chances of all parties agreeing on a common line.

The federal criminal office meanwhile issued its third appeal to the public to collaborate in the search for the kidnappers and murderers of Dr Schleyer, the industrialists' president.

Bonn, Nov 4.—A unit of 36 men within the federal police force is to be set up to hunt down suspected terrorists, it was announced today. Herr Werner Maihofer the Interior Minister, said the team would be under the command of Herr Ulrich Wegener, the leader of the GSG9 anti-terrorist squad which stormed the hijacked airliner at Mogadishu last month and freed 86 hostages.—Agence France-Presse.

OVERSEAS

US to send St Stephen's crown to Hungary

From Bernard Gwertzman
Washington, Nov 4

The Carter Administration, in a significant move towards improved relations with Hungary, was decided to give back the ancient crown of St Stephen, the symbol of Hungarian nationhood that has been in American custody since 1945.

Administration and congressional sources said that the decision was conveyed to key members of Congress yesterday. It was also learnt that Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, intends to deliver the crown and the accompanying jewels to the Government in Budapest at the end of President Carter's planned visit to nine countries from November 22 to December 2.

The decision to return the crown jewels is regarded by Administration officials as a symbol of the changes that have occurred in Hungary in recent years as Mr Janos Kadar, the Prime Minister, has led the country into becoming perhaps the most liberal of the East European states allied to the Soviet Union.

The move was also described as an important step towards normalizing ties with Budapest. Now that the crown issue is settled, it is expected that steps will be undertaken to extend non-discriminatory tariffs, the "most-favoured nation" treatment, to Hungary.

The ancient crown was sent as a coronation gift to Stephen, Hungary's first king, in the year 1000 by Pope Sylvester II. The Byzantine-style crown is studded with gems, decorated with miniatures depicting religious scenes and surmounted by an inclined cross. Besides the crown, the other jewels include a gold sceptre and orb and a gold-encrusted royal mantle.

The regalia has had profound national symbolism for Hungarians, who trace their country's nationhood and conversion to Christianity to that period.

The jewels were turned over to American military authorities at the end of the Second World War by the Hungarian military guard in charge of the crown, who feared that it would otherwise fall into the hands of Soviet troops. After 1945 it was sent to West Germany for a few years, where it was kept in American custody and eventually transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where it is now.

The Hungarian leaders repeatedly asked for its return, but as relations worsened in the wake of the communist takeover in 1947, the United States refused to consider the request.—New York Times News Service.

Former Rhodesian 'public enemy' urges reconciliation

Mr Sithole courts the whites in his search for future power

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Nov 4

The Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, who until recently was labelled by Rhodesian whites "public enemy No 1", now operates from an impressive suite of offices in the heart of Salisbury.

Sitting behind a large leather-topped desk in a smartly cut suit and with a noticeably expanding waistline, he looks more like a business executive than a nationalist leader.

Mr Sithole is the great enigma of Rhodesian nationalist politics. Probably the most intellectual of the country's black leaders, for years he maintained that Black Rhodesians would only achieve freedom as a result of bloodshed. "No suffering, no independence", he once stated—and spent eight years in detention for canvassing such revolutionary ideas.

Since his return in July he has formally renounced terrorism. He argues that as Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, has accepted the principle of majority rule the objective of the armed struggle has been achieved. However, he says it is too soon to ask the guerrillas to lay down their arms.

During the past three months Mr Sithole has been preaching unity and reconciliation around the country. He has also been trying to reestablish a power base inside Rhodesia, with some apparent success. A number of senior officials of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council have switched allegiance and joined his organization, the African National Council (Sithole).

Mr Sithole . . . the great nationalist enigma.

He has also lured away some rank-and-file Muzorewa supporters. Mr Sithole claims he now has sufficient popular backing to win an election but most independent observers doubt this.

He has also been wooing whites, addressing farmers and businessmen and impressing some with his message of moderation. An independent Zimbabwe under his rule would, he says, be a non-racial society with a mixed economy and equal rights for all. Twenty per cent of the seats in Parliament should automatically be held by whites.

Of all the nationalist leaders Mr Sithole has been the most positive in his response to the Anglo-American proposals.

Unlike the leaders of the Patriotic Front nationalist alliance, he has no serious objection to the role of Lord Carver, the proposed resident Commissioner, or to the proposals concerning the armed forces.

He is not however, very optimistic about the chances of the plan succeeding largely because, in his view, Britain seems to want to hand over power to the Patriotic Front. The front, he says, is a "Foreign political arrangement designed to reap the rich harvest of independence for the benefit of those who have been massively rejected by the people of Zimbabwe."

Mr Sithole's diatribes against the Patriotic Front are undoubtedly partly a result of its leaders, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, capturing most of the international support he once enjoyed. It was recognition of his almost total isolation after the organization of African Unity summit in Libreville last July that persuaded Mr Sithole to return to Rhodesia.

That has brought him back into the mainstream of Rhodesian nationalist politics. But it remains to be seen whether he can expand his support within the country sufficiently to assure success if Mr Smith agrees to one-man-one-vote elections.

Smith-Carver meeting fixed for tomorrow

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Nov 4

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the British Resident Commissioner-designate in Rhodesia, is to extend his stay in Salisbury by two days in order to see Mr Smith the Prime Minister.

It was announced tonight that Mr Smith, who is fulfilling a number of public engagements as well as attending a cricket tournament in Bulawayo, will have talks with Lord Carver on Sunday morning. Lord Carver will then fly to Botswana

Mr Smith's unhurried approach to Lord Carver's mission reflects the general scepticism in Rhodesian Government circles towards the present Anglo-American initiative.

He said in Bulawayo today that Britain was "trying to put the cart before the horse" by working towards a ceasefire without giving a clear indication of the composition of a future constitution. While this was so things would never get off the ground, he said. There could be no progress unless certain political decisions were made first.

Mr Pieter van der Byl, the Foreign Minister, has been even more outspoken. Speaking in Parliament he compared the Anglo-American proposals to the Allied demand for an unconditional surrender during the Second World War.

Despite these public utterances, Lord Carver believes that some progress was made during the two rounds of talks he has held since his arrival on Wednesday which Rhodesian security force commanders and civilian officials. The talks covered both military and constitutional matters concerning the transitional period

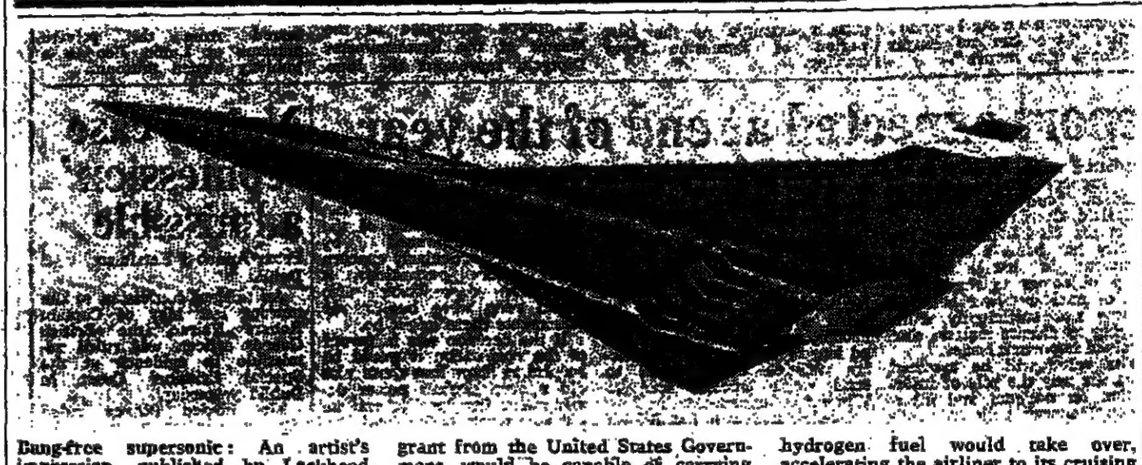
British sources have emphasized that they regard the talks as being exploratory at this stage. A further visit by Lord Carver to Rhodesia is considered likely.

Mr John Graham, a senior Foreign Office official specializing in Southern Africa matters, is now in Salisbury to discuss an independence constitution. He is seeing members of the Government as well as the two internally-based nationalist leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole.

Today Lord Carver had two rounds of talks with Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Sithole during which broad agreement was reached on the main points contained in the Anglo-American settlement plan. The main concern of both leaders was their belief that Britain was attaching too much importance to the externally-based Patriotic Front which is carrying out the guerrilla war in Rhodesia. As Bishop Muzorewa put it after his meeting with Lord Carver: "The British are far too wedded to the Patriotic Front."

This is a point of view which the two nationalist organizations share with the Rhodesian Government. Lord Carver has tried to argue that the Patriotic Front, by virtue of its international recognition and the backing given it by the "front line" states is a necessary part of any settlement.

However, on most other matters, including the role of the Rhodesian armed forces during the transitional period, the British position is fairly close to that of the nationalists. As neither organization has any army of any consequence the need to preserve at least part of the existing Rhodesian forces is recognized.



Bang-free supersonic: An artist's impression, published by Lockheed Corporation yesterday, of a 4,000 mph airliner whose sonic bang would occur so high up that it would not annoy. The aircraft, which Lockheed are studying under a £146,000 research grant from the United States Government, would be capable of carrying 200 passengers more than 5,750 miles, our Air Correspondent writes. Five turbojet engines would power it from take-off until it reached 600 mph when five ramjet engines using liquid hydrogen fuel would take over, accelerating the airliner to its cruising speed at up to 120,000ft. At that altitude, Lockheed believe, the sonic bang would be so dissipated by the time it reached the ground that it would probably not be heard.

Turkish film stars to march over censorship

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Nov 4

Between 200 and 300 members of the Turkish film industry will start walking from Istanbul tomorrow on a three-day march to Ankara in protest against the new film censorship decree imposed by Turkey's three-party right-wing coalition Government.

The marchers will include cameramen, script writers, sound men, directors, producers, extras and actors, with most of the big stars of the Turkish cinema leading the way.

This will be the first time since film-making began in Turkey—with a 1914 documentary on the demolition of the Russian monument at Aghios Stephanos, near Istanbul—that the whole ideological spectrum of the Turkish cinema has been united.

The organizing committee of the march includes Semra Ozdamar, a young actress and political activist, and matinee idols Cuneyt Arkin and Turk Akan. The "tough guy" roles of the former and romantic leads of the latter are guaranteed box office hits.

The Turkish Cinematic Association in Istanbul, which will also join the march, said today that the "grande dame" of the Turkish cinema, the doe-eye Turkan Soray, accompanied by her favourite leading man, Kadir Inanir, would join the march from the mountain resort of Kizilcahamam, near Ankara, where they are on location.

"The first unified action taken by the Turkish cinema", as an Istanbul film critic, Mr Attila Dorsay, calls it, is aimed against the censorship decree imposed on September 23.

Most legal experts agree that the decree is a disaster. It has established two boards of censors, nine of whose 10 members come from the army, the police, and the Interior and Justice Ministries. The tenth member is from the Tourism Ministry.

Charge against Watergate 'plumber' dismissed

New York, Nov 4.—Allegations that Frank Sturgis, convicted of Watergate burglary, had threatened a witness to prevent her from appearing before the House of Representatives committee on assassinations, were dismissed today for lack of proof.

Mr Allan Broomer, a district attorney, told Judge Edwin Torres, of the Criminal Court, that an examination had been made of tape recordings and documents submitted by Miss Marita Lorenz and had been found "to contain no threat".

Miss Lorenz, a former Central Intelligence Agency informant who says she attempted to assassinate Dr Fidel Castro1 the Suban leader, had accused Mr Sturgis of threatening her to prevent her from giving evidence before the assassinations committee.

She said that she had made seven tape recordings with Mr Sturgis in which he warned her that if she gave evidence before the committee "the company would take care of her."

Mr Broomer, in moving for dismissal, said: "The lack of substantiation of her claims impairs her credibility."

Mr Sturgis narrowly avoided a pelting with a banana cream pie as he entered the court. He made a quick sidestep, leaving most of the pie on the ground and on the shirt.

Mr Sturgis maintained that he had never threatened Miss Lorenz who alleges that Mr Sturgis shot at President Kennedy on the day of his assassination in Dallas. Miss Lorenz had Mr Sturgis arrested on Monday night

Mr Sturgis won release from jail on Wednesday night on a $10,000 (£5,000) bail.

Mr Sturgis said he had come to New York on Monday at the request of Miss Lorenz who bought his air ticket.

He also denied Miss Lorenz's claim that they and Lee Harvey Oswald had driven together to Dallas days before President Kennedy's death and that Mr Sturgis was a "second gun" in the assassination. He had never known Oswald and claimed that he had been in Miami on the day of the assassination.UPI.

Russians harass EEC convoy in West Berlin

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Nov 4

A Soviet patrol car harassed a convoy in which Signor Emilio Colombo, the president of the European Parliament, yesterday travelled to a meeting of the presidium and the political committee of the European Parliament in the Reichstag building.

When British military police arrived, as the incident occurred in the British sector, the Soviet patrol car had already left. It was the first time, as far as can be recalled, that Soviet patrol cars attempted to create an incident of this kind.

Soviet patrols in West Berlin were increased earlier this year after a Soviet attempt to prevent the Western allies from sending patrol cars to East Berlin had failed.

A similar incident happened this afternoon near the Reichstag building and British military police had to escort Signor Colombo's convoy to ensure it could proceed safely. According to the four power agreements, military vehicles have free access

Dr Kissinger tells Jews to be masters of own destiny

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Nov 4

Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, told the World Jewish Congress here last night that an independent Palestinian state would be a danger to peace in the Middle East. He also said that the Jews could not abandon to anyone the duty of deciding what was necessary for their survival.

Dr Kissinger makes fairly frequent public appearances these days, in which he seldom departs from cautious support for American foreign policy or a general analysis of the problems of the world.

His own relations with Israel and therefore with the American Jewish community were often strained while he was Secretary of State, because he never hesitated to put pressure on Israel to make it accept what he considered to be in the best interests of the United States.

He was well received last night, however, particularly when he suggested that he disagreed with the present Administration's acceptance of the argument that the Palestinian problem is at the core of the Middle East question.

It was no more than a hint, however. He also emphasized his own Jewishness to the Congress. "The present situation is one that must fill all Jews with a sense of responsibility and a sense of concern", he said.

"All Jews know that peace cannot rest only on professions and on verbal statements, because they have seen too much of the transitory nature of human intentions. All Jews know that in time of crisis and of frustration, they can easily become the target of popular emotions and that they therefore feel it in their deepest being that they must not be seen as the cause of international difficulty."

This hint that Israel must be careful in the demands it makes on its supporters, was followed with the statement that "all Jews have seen too much suffering and too many people killed to be able to abandon their own judgment as to what is necessary for peace and for survival."

Pakistan strife foreseen if poll is delayed

By David Watts

Unless elections are held in Pakistan next March the country could be plunged into chaos again, the president of the opposition Pakistan National Alliance said last night.

Maulana Mufti Mahmud was reacting to remarks by General Zia, the Pakistan military leader, in Ankara in which he predicted that elections were unlikely before next November because of the amount of "cleaning up" still to be done in the country.

Interviewed in London, Mufti Mahmud said he did not know why the elections scheduled for October had been postponed. He denied that the PNA had requested the delay as General Zia has indicated.

The Mufti, former Chief Minister of the North-West Frontier Province and a member of the Jamiat Ul Ulama Islamic party, said it was untrue that there had been a resurgence of support for Mr Bhutto, the former prime minister, after his arrest and detention. The demonstrations of support, he said, were "all propaganda. Once you get to the top and fall down you never come back. That's the history of Pakistan."

Asked whether the alliance was united only in its opposition to Mr Bhutto and without a coherent policy, the Mufti said this was an image put about by the Western press and broadcasting media.

Violence stops Mrs Gandhi visiting Andhra Pradesh

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Nov 4

Mrs Gandhi today cancelled "indefinitely" plans to begin a speaking tour tomorrow in a third state of southern India after her appearance in two other states earlier this week resulted in serious violence.

The former Prime Minister, who had gone south in an effort to show rival Congress Party leaders they badly need her crowd-drawing capacity, herself suffered a cut below the right ear from a splinter of glass when the car she was travelling in yesterday was stoned in Karnataka, the former state of Mysore.

Aides said the cut was not serious and Mrs Gandhi addressed the meeting she was going to at Shimaga, 185 miles north of Bangalore, before a doctor attended her.

About 1,000 demonstrators, carrying black flags (the equivalent of "Go Home" notices) had paraded and heckled her throughout her speech. They were local supporters of the Janata Party, which rules in Delhi, and of the Marxist Communist Party.

Last Sunday two people were shot dead and more than 40 injured in Madras when Mrs Gandhi spoke there and elsewhere in Tamil Nadu state her car had been stoned but she was not hurt.

Today's cancellation of the visit to Andhra Pradesh after yesterday's troubles in Karnataka has particular significance for assembly elections are due next spring in both states which are at present Congress-run. The band of supporters of Mr Brahmananda Reddy, the Congress president whom Mrs Gandhi's supporters have been campaigning for the past month to oust, has been strengthened.

Mrs Gandhi's supporters advised her ill because they should evidently have anticipated that her appearance in the south, where Congress remained strong in the national election last March, would be seized upon by local Janata Party workers, or those of regional parties with a grievance.

Media freedom: India's state-run television and radio networks are to be given BBC-style autonomy, Mr Desai, the Prime Minister, promised today.

Speaking to government information officers in Delhi at the end of a week during which the Shah commission's hearings into the excesses of the emergency have disclosed the way the two bodies slanted the news under Mrs Gandhi, Mr Desai also promised that constitutional safeguards will be enacted to ensure freedom of the press.

He said legislation was being prepared to ensure that neither the television nor All-India Radio was used "as a Government agent".

Israel to free jailed archbishop tomorrow

Tel Aviv, Nov 4.—Israel will release Mgr Hilarion Capucci, the imprisoned Greek Catholic archbishop, on Sunday. Government officials said he was no longer viewed as a danger to the country. He would be deported to Italy after serving nearly three years of a 12-year sentence for smuggling weapons and explosives from Lebanon to Arab guerrillas in Israel.

Israel radio said the Syrian-born prelate, who is 55, would go to South America after a stay of two or three months in a Rome hospital. Mgr Capucci's health deteriorated while in prison.

An official said President Katzir had replied affirmatively to a request from the Pope for Mgr Capucci's release on humanitarian grounds.—UPI.

Ferry hijacked by dog lovers

Hakodate, Japan, Nov 4.—A young Japanese couple were arrested yesterday accused of hijacking an 8,190-ton car ferry which they forced to make an emergency stop at Hakodate because their pet dog had become ill.

Officials said that the couple had been armed with knives. After the ferry had made the unscheduled stop maritime safety officials boarded it and persuaded the couple to surrender.—Agence France-Presse.

Mr Sadat repeats call for preparatory peace talks

From Edward Mortimer
Cairo, Nov 4

President Sadat has revived his proposal that the Geneva Middle East peace conference should be prepared by an informal working committee.

In a television interview recorded on the flight back from talks in Saudi Arabia yesterday and broadcast in Egypt tonight, Mr Sadat emphasized the need for "careful and adequate preparations" for the conference. A working committee would be needed to make these preparations and to draft the agenda.

This work should be done by all the parties to the conference, namely the two co-chairmen—the United States and Soviet Union—Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinians and Israel.

Egyptian officials explained privately that what the President had in mind was not a formal committee in which all parties sat down together (something that could come only with the conference proper) but rather an informal process.

It would probably take the form of proximity talks, with Arab and Israeli delegates either in adjacent hotels or on different floors of the same hotel (as happened in the Rhodes armistice talks of 1949), and talking through an intermediary, most probably Mr Vance, the United States Secretary of State. Just what form the Soviet involvement would take is not clear.

A similar proposal was made in August when Mr Vance visited Egypt, but at that time it was vetoed by Syria. The Egyptians argue that this time Syria will not object since it is clear that the proposal does not involve sitting face to face with Israeli delegates before the conference and does not exclude the Palestinians.

Mr Sadat was quoted today in the semi-official daily *Al Ahram* as saying "there are no differences between Egypt and Syria". But few observers here take such a statement at face value, and some reports say that while in Saudi Arabia Mr Sadat complained bitterly about Syria's negative attitude.

A further difficulty is that by including the Palestinians in his list Mr Sadat appears to beg one of the main questions the "committee" would have to deal with, namely that of Palestinian representation.

Apparently his idea is that Mr Vance would have talks with a group of Arab delegates who would not be given separate national labels, and who would include one or more Palestinian representatives.

The United States is committed not to have any direct dealings with the PLO until it accepts Security Council resolution 242 recognizing Israel's right to exist.

OVERSEAS

West champions cause of human rights activists in the East

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, Nov 4

The issue of human rights in Eastern Europe was taken up today by 14 Western countries at the Belgrade conference on security and cooperation. They submitted a proposal calling upon the Soviet Union and its allies to recognize the rights of individuals, organizations and institutions who monitor the implementation of the Helsinki Final Act.

The proposal was drawn up by the nine members of the European Community, endorsed by the United States, Canada, Norway and Portugal, and presented by Mr Jacques Graeffe, the head of the Belgian delegation.

At a press conference afterwards Mr Graeffe spoke of the Community's grave concern at the persecution and arrest of a large number of persons campaigning for human rights, particularly in the Soviet Union and in Czechoslovakia.

"We in the Community," he said, "do not understand why a large number of people monitoring the implementation of Helsinki accords have been persecuted and jailed only because they acted on their rights and told other people about the final act and its meaning."

The Soviet Union has persistently rejected Western allegation that the human rights are being violated and Mr Vorontsov, the Soviet chief delegate has issued repeated warnings that the Belgrade conference might break down if the West continued its "interference" in Soviet internal affairs.

Today's Western proposal calls for recognition of the right of institutions, organizations and individuals to promote the implementation of Helsinki accords. It does not refer specifically to any country but it is no secret that it was prompted by the trial in Prague of four intellectuals who had signed Charter 77 and by the persecution in the Soviet Union of human rights campaigners.

In view of Soviet opposition it is fairly certain that the proposal will not be endorsed and included in the final communiqué.

Moscow, Nov 4.—A Moscow-based human rights monitoring group appealed today to participants in the conference to speak out on behalf of the Crimean Tatars.

The Tatars were forcibly deported from the Crimea to remote areas of Soviet Central Asia in 1944 after being accused by Stalin of collaborating with the Germans during the war.

The appeal to the Belgrade conference was signed by Dr Andrei Sakharov, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, former General Pyotr Grigorenko and other members of the Moscow panel formed to monitor Soviet compliance with the Helsinki accords.

Accusing the Soviet Government of continuing a policy of "genocide" the document asserted: "The Crimean Tatars should be allowed back to the Crimea."—AP.

Emergency rule decided for a Malaysian state

From Our Correspondent
Kuala Lumpur, Nov 4

The Malaysian Government has decided to impose a state of emergency in the state of Kelantan to solve the lingering political troubles there, but the move threatens to create fissures within the ruling National Front coalition of Datuk Hussein bin Onn, the Prime Minister.

Authoritative sources said today that Parliament would pass the enabling legislation on Wednesday. This would suspend the state constitution and the state Assembly and impose a State Operations Council. A senior civil servant answerable only to the Prime Minister would be in charge.

The Chief Minister and his executive committee would be allowed to function, but their decisions would have to be confirmed by the State Operations Council.

The majority party in Kelantan, the Pan-Malayan Islamic Party, is opposed to the move although it is part of the ruling coalition. Political observers would not be surprised should the party leave the Front next week.

Datuk Hussein's United Malay National Organization, the dominant coalition partner, believes that the Islamic Party cannot afford to leave the Front and that their bluff will be called.

Two days ago, Datuk Hussein met the leaders of both parties and told them, but particularly the Islamic Party leaders, that they would have to face the consequences if they rejected his proposal to impose the state of emergency.

The troubles in Kelantan began three weeks ago when the Pan-Malayan Islamic Party dismissed the Chief Minister for flouting party discipline. Demonstrations and riots broke out in support of the Chief Minister, who wanted to hold a new election which neither of the two parties liked.

The Islamic Party has accused the dominant coalition partner of aiding and abetting the Chief Minister in his defiance. Relations between the two parties have seriously deteriorated. Several attempts at reconciliation failed.

This is the first time since the racial riots of May 1969 that a state of emergency is to be imposed in a Malaysian state.

Solzhenitsyn fund woman goes into exile

Moscow, Nov 4.—The last active trustee of a fund set up by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the exiled writer, to help Soviet dissidents who are in jail will emigrate to the West on Sunday.

Dissident sources said Mrs Tatyana Khodorvich, aged 55, was leaving for Vienna. The authorities had told her to get out of the country or face imprisonment.

The fund was set up in 1974. Its administrator, the poet Alexander Ginzburg, has been in prison since February.

The fund has distributed some 270,000 roubles (£185,000). About 700 families are getting assistance, according to Mrs Khodorovich, who said the fund would continue to function despite her departure.—UPI.

Correction

The caption to a photograph which appeared on a foreign news page in yesterday's later editions wrongly stated that the two Chinese prisoners were being driven to their execution in Changsha. They were in fact going to serve sentences of hard labour.

China interested in buying Harrier jump-jet

Peking, Nov 4.—China wants to buy the Harrier military jump-jet aircraft, Mr Wang Chen, a Deputy Prime Minister, told British businessmen today, according to delegation sources.

Mr Wang, who deals with economic matters, told the delegation: "We intend to acquire the Harrier."

The vertical-takeoff, close support aircraft is in service with the British forces and the United States Marine Corps.

The sources said the businessmen were surprised by the Deputy Prime Minister's statement, made during what the New China news agency described as "a friendly conversation".

The delegation included Sir Geoffrey Tuttle, consultant to British Aerospace, which combines the British Aircraft Corporation and Hawker Siddeley, developer of the Harrier. He said he was delighted by Mr Wang's statement.

Observers said a factor to be considered would be the reaction of the United States to the prospect of the sale to China of an aircraft in service with the American marines.—Reuter.

St Petersburg's Tsarist splendour restored

Leningrad, Nov 4.—Leningrad, the cradle of the Bolshevik revolution, has undergone a spectacular facelift which has restored the old city of St Petersburg to its original Tsarist splendour in honour of the sixtieth anniversary of communist Government.

Gangs of workmen, sometimes toiling around the clock regardless of the weather, have restored and repainted former palaces and other historic buildings, sand-blasted the Neva River embankment, done badly-needed resurfacing of streets and reconstructed the city's network of drawbridges.

During the spring and summer it was often chaotic to drive or take public transport from one part of the city to another. Streets suddenly ended without warning, so that cars and buses were forced into long and unfamiliar detours. Of the four bridges crossing the Neva into the city centre, two were frequently closed for repairs, and huge traffic jams built up.

But now, after more than a year of ceaseless work, the Soviet Union's second largest city of four million inhabitants is running smoothly again before the anniversary celebrations next Monday.

The 60,000 sq yd Palace Square, from which the Bolsheviks stormed the Winter Palace to overthrow the provisional Government of Alexander Kerensky, has been resurfaced. Around the Alexander Column, which graces the square as a memorial to Russia's victory over Napoleon, skilled craftsmen have set pink and grey stones in floral patterns.

On the other side of the Winter Palace, tugs and cranes have been laying buoys in the Neva in preparation for the flotilla of naval vessels which will lie at anchor on Revolution Day.

Communist slogans and pictures of Marx, Engels and Lenin, along with the present Soviet leaders, are being taken out of store and hung around the city.—UPI.

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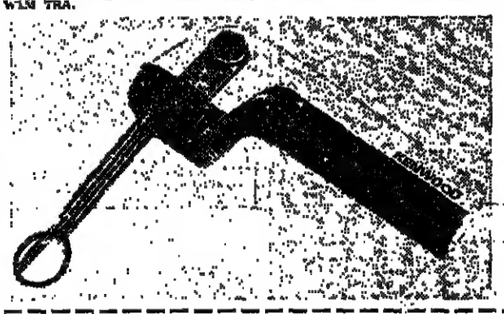

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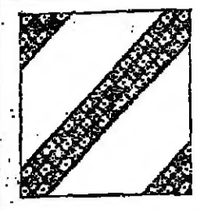

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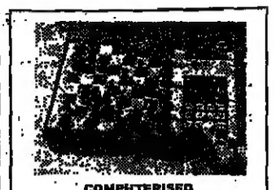

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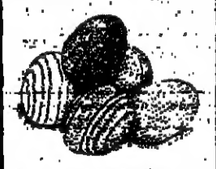

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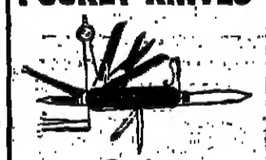

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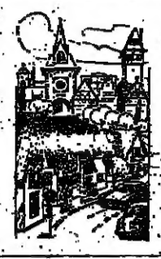

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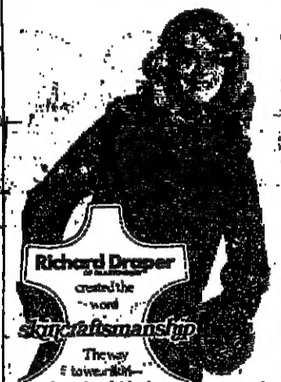

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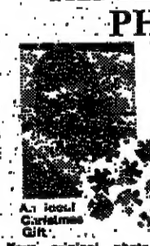

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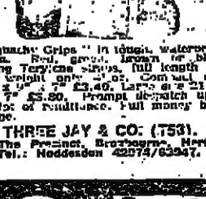

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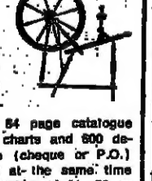

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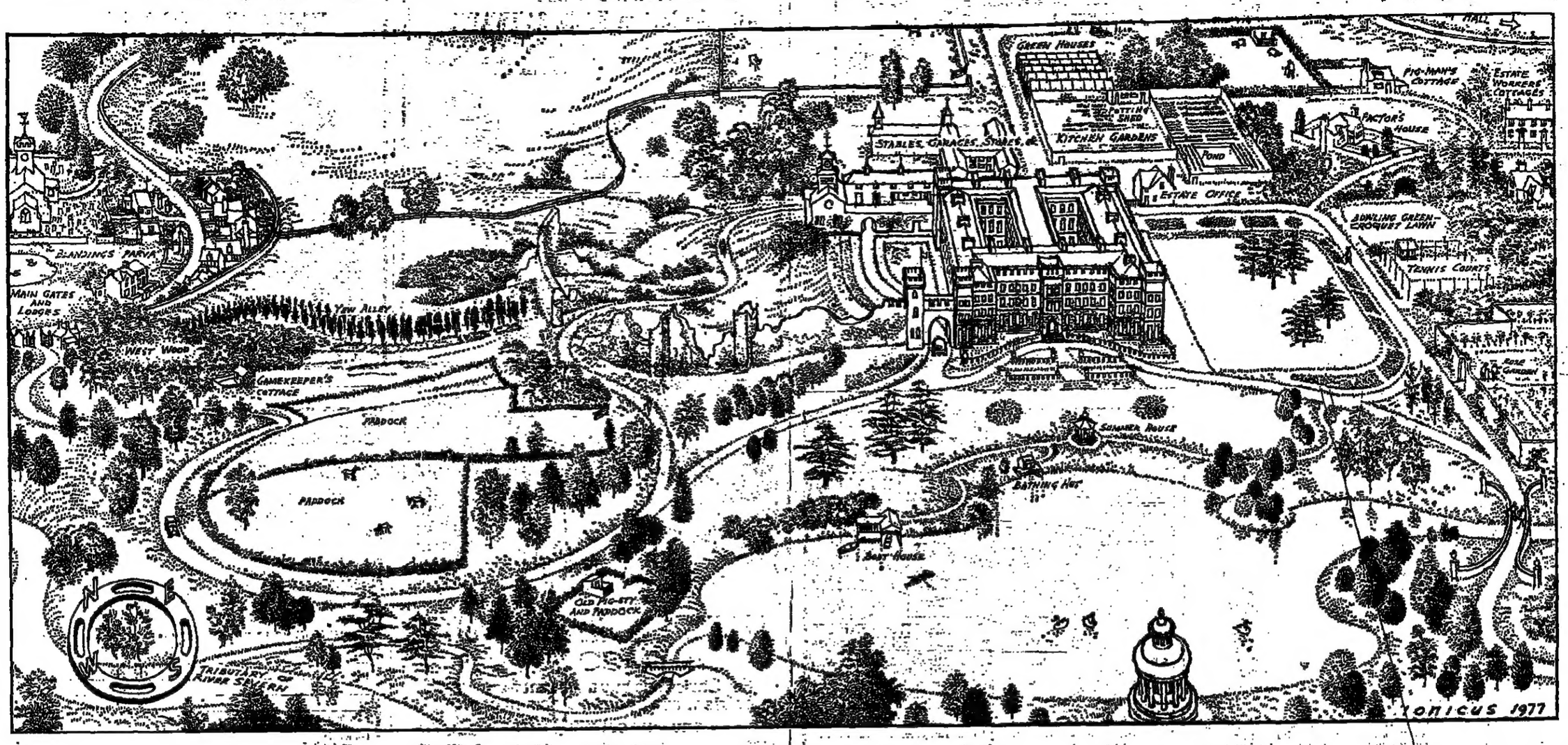

Blandings Castle

by Richard Usborne

Wodehouse built Blandings Castle from his typewriter and from far away. As a young, struggling, English author in New York, he had been writing, primarily for the American market, light, romantic stories set in America. *Something Fresh*, published in 1915, justified its name. It was largely farce, and it was set in England.

There had been a Shropshire castle, Dreever, in an earlier, more serious novel, *A Gentleman of Leisure*, that Wodehouse had published in 1910. Dreever had had an amorphous Anglo-American house party, a rose garden, a lake, a bossy aunt and a butler. You could say it was a pale foreshadow of Blandings. Belpher Castle, in *A Damsel in Distress* (1919), was a back projection. And I imagine that if Wodehouse then had even a presentiment of a saga—English castle, vague widower/chatelain/peer, gorgon sisters, incarcerated niece, her penniless lover, fat butler, theft of treasure (hot memoirs, pig, necklace), imposters and a supreme strategist (Psmith, Galahad, Lord Ickenham)—he would have ended *A Damsel in Distress* differently and stuck to Belpher for keeps. Belpher was in Hampshire, and Wodehouse always felt that the four-hour, plus or minus, train journey distance between Paddington and Market Blandings in Shropshire was a bit of a drag on his plots. But at the end of *A Damsel in Distress* Lord Marshmoreton, the vague/widower / peer / chatelain / Emsworthy figure, married a charming American chorus girl. So Wodehouse went back to Blandings for *Leave it to Psmith* in 1923 and for another eight novels and nine short stories.

He was well on into a ninth Blandings novel when he died: Sir Pelham Wodehouse, DLitt (Oxon), aged 93 going on 94, in hospital on Long Island, on Valentine's Day 1975. Would *Sunset at Blandings* have been his title for it? Not on his life! He wasn't ill. Just a rush of some sort on his hands and bald head. They had him, protesting, in hospital to run some tests.

He had a rough typescript of 16 chapters of the new novel, out of a planned 22, with him in hospital, and pages of notes towards its ending. He was impatient to get back home to his typewriter. But he had a heart attack, and went out like a light. When better than at the age of 93? Where better than in a hospital? How better than at work on an utterly frivolous and irreverent novel?

Wodehouse has told us hardly anything about Blandings Castle's history. It was built of grey stone, solid against possible attack, in the mid-fifteenth century. It had interested Viollet-le-duc. It stands aloft at the southern end of the Vale of Blandings. It is one of the oldest inhabited houses in the country, with 52 bedrooms and staterooms, some of which have not been occupied since Queen Elizabeth I and other royalty were visitors. In *Leave it to Psmith*, Psmith suggests that Cromwell had been a less welcome visitor. But as Psmith gives the date of Cromwell's visit as 1550, we must suppose either that Psmith wasn't being serious or that 1550 is a misprint that has survived uncorrected for 50 years.

Now, in the twentieth century, the castle is obviously a very large, comfortable, warm house, with a long curling drive and a great expanse of gardens, park, and woodland stretching in sun-soaked distances in all directions. The railway station is Market Blandings, about three miles off. Shrewsbury is over there. You can see The Wrekin from the tower of the west wing, and the Severn is very much part of the landscape and view.

After that we, the readers, must rely on conjecture, studying the evidences in Wodehouse's texts, and piecing together, where we can make them fit, rooms, floors, terraces, gardens, lawns, trees, tennis courts, pig-sties, paddocks, streams, water meadows, cow-sheds, drives, vistas, villages, churches and railway lines.

But in a succession of Blandings books spanning sixty publishing years you must not look for a purist consistency of topography. Not from Wodehouse. You would not say he was careless. Carefree is a better word. He has left a considerable number of difficulties for the jigsaw puzzler and, I think, four or five positive impossibilities. Yet here we come, offering in prize drawings and maps, with a helicopter view of the castle, the Vale, the lake, the pig-sties, the rose garden, the Yew Alley and there, in the distances, Blandings Parva, Much Matchingham, Market Blandings, Sunnybrae Cottage and other locations sacred to the memory of the texts. Also a sketch map of Market Blandings station platform and Joe Robinson's taxi and the Emsworth Arms beyond; and plans of the ground floor and first floor interiors of the castle.

We have worked them out scrupulously and, doubtless, fallibly, from the Blandings books, and we have made a special study of the Paddington/Market Blandings train schedules. Even if allowances are made (as they must be) for artistic licence, the publishers expect to receive a lot of flak from other Wodehouse scholars: protests, counter-claims and derision for having dared to give fiction the semblance of fact and staked our claims on probable locations, directions, shapes, sizes and distances in the fabled demesne.

What, for instance, about that tower on the left, at the south-west corner of the castle? Wodehouse refers to that tower in two similar passages in two separate books. It is the tower over the west wing of the castle, and, or but, it is separated from the main block by a gravel path. It seems to consist of a small dark door at ground level and to contain, inside, only winding steps to the roof. Lord Emsworth's flag flies there when he is at home. It is a footman's duty to run it up in the morning and lower it in the evening, apparently taking it away with him and locking the ground level door for the night.

It was on the turret of this tower that Lord Emsworth looked forth through his telescope and saw his son Frederick kissing the girl in the water meadows by the lake ("The Custody of the Pumpkin", *Blandings Castle*). It was twenty times round its chimney stack that Monty Bodkin had seen *Galahad chase his nephew* Ronnie with a whangee, for having put tin-tacks in his chair. It was here that Sue Brown, sighing her soul for the blows that fate was dealing to her engagement to Ronnie, was unobserved by the flag-lowering footman and was locked up, or in, till jealous Ronnie came to rescue her, and found Monty's tell-tale hat (*Heavy Weather*).

What *was* this tower, other than a pedestal for the flag-pole? What and where was the west wing if this solitary, semi-detached tower dominated it? This is a crux. We have tackled it boldly. We have made the tower dominate a west wing *that is no longer there*. It has all gone to ruin, and its battlements, moats and dungeons have given their stone to the more modern parts of the house and estate. The curtain wall, what's left of it, guards nothing now, and gardens, lawns and meadows cover the courts where Threepwood after early Threepwood jousted, sang madrigals, gloried and drank deep. The chimney stack round which young Ronnie fled from his uncle is now purposeless. Jackdaws would nest in it if it were not for that daily intrusive footman.

In the early nineteenth century, I have guessed, the sixth earl's factor got that Shrewsbury architect (name unknown) to re-plan the patched-up old fortress as a comfortable manor house, with Georgian grace, primitive central heating in addition to the huge open fires, double-hung sash windows, bathrooms and lavatories plumbed in and the facilities for getting the food hot from kitchens to tables. But the west wing remains as a name only, its last reality being the singular tower flying the Emsworth standard. Or that's the way I read it.

And, though there is no record of Lancelot ("Capability") Brown re-shaping the park, I have supposed that the fourth earl had met Brown when he was at work on Weston Park, near Shifnal, for Lady Wilbraham, and got him to make Blandings, from boundary to boundary, his next commission. Give them 25 years to settle and mature—much longer for the young cedars—and those vistas, those clumps of Scotch firs ("Brown's buttons"), those free roaming gardens . . . they would grow in grace, beyond fashion, and be valuable only to a profligate heir (one has to worry about the present Lord Botham, what little one knows of him) and alien property developers.

Vanessa Polk, in *A Pelican at Blandings*, looked from the tower and could see the Wrekin and "a fascinating panorama of Shropshire and its adjoining counties". She must, I think, have been looking north to north-east. And she would have been able to see the tributary of the Severn that watered Market Blandings and flowed below the garden of the Emsworth Arms. But the Severn itself was also distantly visible if you looked north west, on a line between Blandings Parva and Shrewsbury. Blandings Castle is lapped in one of Sabrina's fair curves.

If you had asked Wodehouse how, exactly, he had seen the rooms, the gardens, the trees, the woods and landscapes in his mind, he would have shuffled his feet modestly and changed the subject in order to prevent himself replying, testily, that he could not be bothered with details unless they affected his immediate plot and scenario. He could give Lord Emsworth five sisters or now, in the evidence of this last, unfinished book, ten. He could put a Gutenberg Bible in the Museum in the first book and then, in all subsequent books, forget both the museum and its bible. He could put the amber drawing room upstairs in one book and on the ground floor (with french windows) in others. He could magic a deserted gamekeeper's cottage into the West Wood when he needed it and without the son of the house (Freddie) even knowing of its existence. And so many rooms, in so many books, look out over "the terrace", that I have had to make the terrace go round three sides of the house. Even so, it is very difficult (or I have found it very difficult) to position all the positions of that lovely story "The Crime Wave at Blandings".

Well, we have made a start. It is up to others, now, to find a more workable plan for rooms, terraces and messuages. Wodehouse has left it to us, his followers and fans, to make it work as close to his cities as possible. Where it does work, it works like a charm. Where it does not, chalk it up to artistic licence on his side, or just as an insoluble problem on ours, to be settled as best suits the probabilities, even if it means flying in the faces of clear-cut Wodehouse statements in other passages, other books. The amber drawing room, for a start. It was first mentioned in the short story, "The Go-Getter", first published in 1931, and the amber drawing room was specified as having french windows. After the great dog-fight, Beefy Bingham's *Bottles v Lady Ancaster's* circulate, Beefy had "thrown Bottles out of the window"—a thing that he would never have done if the room had been upstairs and even, I think, if there had been french windows opening on to a balcony then. But in *Galahad at Blandings*, Hildebrand Wimborne and Lord Emsworth, separately, sneaked away from the amber drawing room and went downstairs to the hall and the open air. In *A Pelican at Blandings* the amber drawing room is safely back on the ground floor, and that's where we have placed it in the plan. There may be more than one amber drawing room. I doubt it. But it was out of an upstairs drawing room window that Constance Keeble's necklace dropped to Eve's feet on the terrace in *Leave it to Psmith*.

The Empress of Blandings is twice brought (or pushed or pulled) into the castle. The first time she goes through french windows into the Garden Suite, to be lodged in the bathroom there. So the Garden Suite is on the ground floor, the Duke of Dunstable, its resident guest at that time (*Uncle Fred in the Springtime*). The second time that the Empress makes her entrance is in *Full Moon*. Galahad is in the Garden Suite and the pig goes in at the french windows again and—quite a long journey as pigs go—up the main stairs to Veronica's bedroom, the Red Room. Wodehouse says there that Veronica's room is "on the second floor", which is American for "first floor" (the floor above the ground floor). When the Duke of Dunstable was in the Garden Suite we were told that the morning sunlight shone into his bedroom. Morning sun comes from the east, so the Garden Suite must be at that end of the castle. And it's "on the right side of the passage going off the hall". It is a confusion, extra to the nervousness we get from the first-floor/second-floor dubiety that Anglo-American Wodehouse gives us, that, though there is a Blue Room bedroom upstairs, the bedroom of the ground-floor Garden Suite is called the Blue Room. And there is a bedroom upstairs called the Garden Room.

There's a great tax in Galatians. Once you trip on it, entails Twenty-nine distinct damnations. One sure, if another fails, mused the crusty old chap in Browning's *Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister*.

Blandings topographical questions are, many of them, pleasantly moot. If you want to *jump in at the deep end*, I suggest two tests for strong swimmers. Go back to "The Crime Wave at Blandings", re-read it carefully and then *make* a map showing the positions, from which each of those shots of George's airgun was aimed at Baxter: one by George, two by Lord Emsworth, one by Beach. Show where Baxter was in each instance. Show also where Lady Constance and Beach were when she took a pot shot at him. Where was Baxter when the evening sun shone on his spectacles? Where was Jane when she saw her uncle Lord Emsworth take his first shot at Baxter from the library window? Obviously your map must be to rough scale, allowing that George's airgun would not have been able to tweak Baxter up, through his trousers, at more than 30 yards.

Next question, and further afield: re-read *Pigs Have Wings* and make a map of the hitherings and thitherings in the thefts and counter-thefts of pigs between their own sties, alien sties, Sunnybrae and assorted shrubberies. This must be to a rough scale, too, and it will involve you in locating Matchingham Hall, home of the dreaded Sir Gregory Parsloe-Parsloe, lurer-away, for higher wages, of Lord Emsworth's pig-man, George Cyril Wellbeloved, rival, now, of Lord Emsworth for the Fat Pigs pennant at the Shrewsbury show and darkly suspected, especially by Galahad, of being out to nobble Lord Emsworth's great Black Berkshire champion, Empress of Blandings.

Where we have tried to answer such questions, we claim no originality for our conclusions. What we do claim is to have done a good deal of homework. Whether we have for the answers which would have pleased Teacher, we can never know, since he is no longer at his desk.

This article has been adapted by Richard Usborne from one of his appendices to P. G. Wodehouse's posthumous novel *Sunset at Blandings*. Chatto and Windus publish on November 17 at £3.95 together with the map by Ionicus, part of which is printed above.

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Also in this issue Conrad Russell reviews G. R. Elton's new book about the reformation, and Stuart Maclure reviews the Crossman Diaries.

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Today 5 Nov. 3.00 p.m.	DRUSILLA HUFFMASTER American pianist £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p Liesl Stary Artists Management	Harriet Johnson: Questions I, II, III (1st Eur. perf.); Theodore Lucas: Sonata, 3rd Movement (1st Eur. perf.). Works by Bach-Busoni, Prokofiev, Barber, Charles Griffes, Debussy, Chopin.
Sunday 6 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	CHRISTOPHER WILSON lute Magenta Music	Music by Vincenzo Capirola, Francesco da Milano, Luis Milan, John Daniel, John Dowland. £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p.
Tuesday 8 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	DEBORAH ANN JOHNSTON cello. Julia Adam piano Young Musicians Series New Era Int. Concerts	Stravinsky: Suite Italienne Bach: Suite II for Solo cello. Chopin: Sonata, Op. 65. £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p.
Thursday 10 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	BARBARA McGUIRE CHRISTOPHER KEYTE JOHN MILLS STEPHEN HALSTEAD Helen Jennings Concert Agy	Songs, duets, trios by Purcell, Monteverdi, Brahms, Betty Roe, Quilter etc. Early Spanish & Italian songs: Victorian duets: Guitar solos by Torroba, Albeniz. £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p.
Friday 11 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	DAN BECKERMAN Canadian guitarist £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p Friday Guitar Concerts Basil Douglas Ltd.	Dowland: Allemande; Fantasie 7; Bach: Lute Suite in A minor; Haydn: Andante; Menuetto; Fourstals: Icaco; Rhythmic Reactions; Ponce: Sonata III; Granados: Spanish Dance No. 10.
Saturday 12 Nov. 3.00 p.m.	SAMUEL THAVIU violin CLIFFORD BENSON piano £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Schumann: Sonata No. 1 in A minor, Op. 105 Ravel: Sonata Posth. (1897) Mozart: Sonata in B flat, K.454 Beethoven: Sonata No. 9 in A, Op. 47 (Kreutzer)
Sunday 13 Nov. 3.00 p.m.	JOHN VALLIER, piano £2.20, £1.70, £1.20, 75p Ibbs & Tillett	Scarlatti: Sonata in E, Longo 23. Mozart: Rondo in A minor, K.511 Chopin: Three Studies. Schumann: Kinderscenen, Op. 15; Carnaval, Op. 9
Sunday 13 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	VIENNA WIND QUINTET £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p Barbara Graham Management	Milhaud: Trio for oboe, clarinet & bassoon; Stephen Dodgson: Sonata for wind quintet (1st perf.); Quintets by Danzi, Ferenc Farkas, Ibert. £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p
Monday 14 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	MAMIKO SUDA, piano £1.80, £1.30, 90p 60p Victor Hochhauser	Mozart: 12 Variations on "Ah vous dirai-je maman"; Schubert: Sonata in C minor, D. 958; Chopin: Ballades No. 1 in G minor & No. 4 in F minor; 3 Mazurkas, Op. 59; Brahms: Paganini Variations Bk. 2
Tuesday 15 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	ANTHONY RODEN, tenor Geoffrey Parsons, piano £1.80, £1.30, 90p, 60p Lies Askonas	Mozart: Eine kleine Deutsche Kantate, K.619 Beethoven: An die ferne Geliebte Strauss: Gesänge des Orients, Op. 77 Songs by Respighi, Schumann, Wolf-Ferrari
Wednesday 16 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	PHILIP JENKINS, piano £1.75, £1.35 £1.00, 75p Jana Gray	Mozart: Fantasia in D minor, K.397; Sonata in F, K.332; Fauré: Theme and Variations, Op. 73; Chopin: Impromptu in F sharp major, Op. 36; 3 Mazurkas; Szymanowski: Sonata No. 3, Op. 36
Thursday 17 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	YEHUDI MENUHIN, violin with Hephzibah Menuhin, piano Debenhams Concert Series Harold Holt Ltd.	Eric Fenby piano, Susie Meszaros viola Delius: Sonata No. 3. Mozart: Duo in G, K.423 Elgar: Sonata, Op. 82 £4.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD).
Friday 18 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	ROBERTO OLABARRIETA Spanish guitarist £1.80, £1.30, 90p 60p Friday Guitar Concerts Basil Douglas Ltd.	Weiss: Fantasy & Prelude; Suite in A; Sor: Variations on a Theme from "The Magic Flute"; Grand solo; Bach: Suite No. 3; Chaconne; Two Spanish Pieces; Albeniz Mallorca; Rodrigo Zapateado

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Sonata in E, Longo 23 .... SCARLATTI
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Sunday 6 Nov 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Walter Weller (conductor) Cristina Ortiz (piano) Prokofiev Suite, The Love of Three Oranges; Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 16; Dvorak Symphony No. 5 in F, Op. 76. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65 (only) LPO Ltd
Monday 7 Nov 6.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM First in a series of talks arranged in collaboration with Morley College. (1) Hans Keller will speak on Bruckner Symphony No. 3 to be performed later in the evening by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. After, a discussion will be held with the audience. 50p Royal Festival Hall
Monday 7 Nov 8 p.m.	BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Kurt Sanderling (conductor) Michael Roll (piano) Mozart Piano Concerto No. 23 in A, K.488; Bruckner Symphony No. 3 in D minor £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Western Orchestral Society Ltd
Tuesday 8 Nov 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Bernhard Klee (conductor) Elisabeth Söderström (soprano) Weber Overture, Der Freischütz; Strauss Four Last Songs; Bruckner Symphony No. 4 in E flat (Romantic) £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.50, £1.00 NPO Ltd
Wednesday 9 Nov 5.55 p.m.	LIONEL ROGG Organ. Buxtehude Prelude and Fugue in D minor; Grigny From the Gloria: Tierce en Taille; Fugue à 5; Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux; Bach Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 548; Chorale Preludes: Allein Gott, BWV 662 and 664; Reubke Sonata on 94th Psalm 60p (unreserved) Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 9 Nov 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Hans Zender (conductor) György Pauk (violin) Zender Zeitströme (UK premiere); Berg Violin Concerto; Brahms/Schoenberg Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 BBC
Thursday 10 Nov 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA André Previn (conductor) Horacio Gutierrez (piano) Berlioz Overture, Le Carnaval Romain; Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 16; Sibelius Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 43 £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65 (only) LSO Ltd
Friday 11 Nov 8 p.m.	BACH CHOIR Philharmonia Orchestra Sir David Willcocks (conductor) Alfreda Hodgson (contralto) Robert Tear (tenor) John Shirley-Quirk (bass) Elgar Dream of Gerontius, Op. 38 £3.85, £2.75, £1.65, £1.10 (all others sold) Ibbs and Tillett
Saturday 12 Nov. 8 p.m.	SCOTLAND '77 on stage and wide-screen. The haunting beauty of the Scottish scene on the screen with, live on stage, a night to remember of Music, Song and Dance featuring Singers, Highland and Scottish Country Dancers, Scottish Dance and Caledonian Pipe Bands. £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 David Webster of Oban
Sunday 13 Nov. 3.15 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA André Previn (conductor) Julia Girdwood (oboe), Horacio Gutierrez (piano) Cimarosa Oboe Concerto; Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor; Sibelius Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 43 £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 LSO Ltd.
Sunday 13 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos (conductor) Helen Donath (sop), Robert Tear (ten), Jose van Dam (bass), Philharmonia Chorus. Haydn The Creation. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.50, £1.00 NPO Ltd.
Monday 14 Nov. 8 p.m.	In the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent. ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Meredith Davies (cond), S. Armstrong (sop), B. Luxon (bar). Walton Coronation Te Deum; Holst Choral Fantasia; Ireland These Things Shall Be; Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 Royal Choral Soc.
Tuesday 15 Nov. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Charles Groves (conductor) Yehudi Menuhin (violin) Holst St. Paul's Suite; Beethoven Violin Concerto in D, Op. 61; Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 2 (London). £3.85, £3.30, £2.75 (all others sold) RPO
Wednesday 16 Nov. 5.55 p.m.	RALPH DOWNES Organ Recital Buxtehude Toccata in D minor; Bach Sonata No. 3 in D minor, BWV 527; Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537; Schübler Preludes: Kommst du nun, Jesu, BWV 650; Meine Seele, BWV 648; Wo soll fliehen hin, BWV 646; Nielsen Commotio. 60p (unreserved) Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 16 Nov. 8 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Harry Blech (conductor) Nina Milkina (piano) Dong-Suk Kang (violin). Rossini Overture, The Italian Girl in Algiers; Mozart Piano Concerto No. 22 in E flat; Violin Concerto No. 5 in A; Schubert Symphony No. 3 in D, D.200 £3.00, £2.60, £2.20, £1.80, £1.40, £1.00 Haydn-Mozart Society
Thursday 17 Nov. 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Philharmonic Choir Wandsworth School Choir, Walter Susskind (cond), Norma Burrowes (sop), John Angelo-Messana (c tenor), Brent Ellis (bar). Mussorgsky Pictures from an Exhibition; Orff Carmina Burana. £3.30, £2.75 (all others sold) LPO Ltd.
Friday 18 Nov. 8 p.m.	CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Louis Frémaux (cond) John Williams (guitar). Berlioz Overture, Le Carnaval Romain; Rodrigo Fantasia para un gentilhombre; Falla Three Dances Three Cornered Hat, Walton Orchestra suites, Façade; Ravel Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No. 2. £3.20, £2.70, £2.20, £1.75, £1.30.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 5 Nov 7.45 p.m.	CITY OF LONDON CHOIR London Bach Orchestra, Donald Cashmore (Con) F. Lott, M. Cable, P. Bowen, I. Caddy (soloists), Brahms Song of Destiny; McCabe Stabat Mater (1st [illegible] perf.) [illegible] £2.25, £1.75, £1.50, £1.25, £1.00 City of London Choir
Sunday 6 Nov 3 p.m.	KRYSTIAN ZIMERMAN South Bank Piano Recital Series. Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Op. 13 (Pathétique); Brahms Sonata in F sharp minor, Op. 2; Chopin Sonata in B minor, Op. 58. £1.00, 75p (all others sold) Harrison/Parrott Ltd.
Sunday 6 Nov 7.15 p.m.	GERARD JARRY (violin) GEORGES PLUDERMACHER (piano). Debussy Sonata in G minor; Bartok Sonata No. 2; Enesco Sonata No. 3 £2.20, £1.80, £1.40, 90p De Koos Concert Management
Monday 7 Nov 7.45 p.m.	20th CENTURY ENSEMBLE OF LONDON Edwin Roxburgh (cond). Boulez Le marteau sans maître; Roger North Ludes for harp and string trio, 1st perf.; Warlock The Curlew. £1.80, £1.60, £1.30, 80p Redcliffe Concerts of British Music
Tuesday 8 Nov 7.45 p.m.	LINDSAY QUARTET Haydn String Quartet in D, Op. 76 No. 5; Bartok String Quartet No. 3 in C sharp; Debussy String Quartet in G minor. £1.80, £1.60, £1.30, 80p British Hungarian Friendship Society.
Wednesday 9 Nov 7.45 p.m.	PHILOMUSICA, Carl Pini, George Malcolm, Gordon Hunt, John Bath, Vivaldi Concerto Grosso Op. 3, No. 11; Bach Cantata No. 56; J. C. Bach Harpsichord Concerto in A minor; Handel Concerto Grosso in A, Op. 6, No. 11; Bach Concerto for violin and oboe. £2.25, £2.00, £1.75, £1.35, 85p. Colchord Music
Thursday 10 Nov 7.45 p.m.	PETER KATIN Piano Recital. Schubert Sonata in A minor, D.537; Chopin Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61; 3 Mazurkas, Op. 56; Berceuse, Op. 57; Scherzo No. 2 in B flat minor. Works by Bach/Busoni & Schumann £2.40, £2.00, £1.60, £1.20, 80p Raymond Gubbay
Friday 11 Nov 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA Martindale Sidwell (conductor) Handel Concerto in C; Bach Harpsichord Concerto in A; Haydn Trumpet Concerto; Bach Double Violin Concerto; Suite No. 3 in D £2.60, £2.20, £1.75, £1.50, £1.00 London Bach Orchestra
Saturday 12 Nov. 7.45 p.m.	NATIONAL WESTMINSTER CHOIR Sinfonia Pro Musica, Ian Humphris (cond) Linda Esther Gray (sop) Alan Opie (bar). Mozart Concert Aria, Ah, lo previdi, K.272; Moeran Nocturne; Brahms German Requiem. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p National Westminster Choir
Sunday 13 Nov. 3 p.m.	SHURA CHERKASSKY Piano. Mendelssohn Variations sérieuses, Op. 54; Liszt Sonata in B minor; Bartok Sonata (1926); Messiaen Île de Feu, Nos. 1 & 2. Works by Chopin. £2.00, £1.50, £1.25, 90p Ibbs & Tillett
Monday 14 Nov. 7.45 p.m.	JUAN MARTIN Flamenco Guitar. With South American percussion and ancient Byzantine trumbuka. Programme traces the history of flamenco from 8th cent. Moorish invasion to the modern sounds of post-Franco Spain. £2.50, £2.25, £1.85, £1.25, 90p United 3 Music
Tuesday 15 Nov. 7.45 p.m.	ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET Haydn Quartet in G minor, Op. 20 No. 3; Beethoven Quartet in F minor, Op. 95; Brahms Quartet in A minor, Op. 51 No. 2. £2.00, £1.00 Allegri String Quartet
Wednesday 16 Nov. 7.45 p.m.	LONDON SINFONIETTA Brian Ferneyhough (conductor) Explanation and Rehearsal followed by performance of Brian Ferneyhough Transit (1st U.K. performance). £3.00, £1.70, £1.40, 25p Sinfonietta Productions Ltd.
Thursday 17 Nov. 7.45 p.m.	RUTH NYE Piano Recital Beethoven Six Variations in F, Op. 34; Mendelssohn Sonata in B flat, Op. 106; Liszt Années de Pèlerinage, Première Année (Suisse). £1.80, £1.60, £1.20, 80p John Wright
Friday 18 Nov. 7.45 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Tamás Vásáry (conductor/soloist) Haydn Symphony No. 80 in D minor; Mozart Piano Concerto No. 17 in G, K.453; Schubert Symphony No. 5 in B flat, D.485 £2.50, £2.00, £1.60, £1.25, 80p Haydn-Mozart Society

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Today 5 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	LONDON HARPSICHORD ENSEMBLE John Francis (dir) Fasch Sonata in B flat; Rameau Concerto in D minor; Vivaldi Sonata in B flat; Bach Partita No. 1 for harpsichord solo; Corelli Sonata in A; Telemann Quartet in E minor. £2.00 (only) Jane Gray
Sunday 6 Nov. 7 p.m.	ENGLISH TASKIN PLAYERS Peter Lloyd flute, Neil Black oboe, Roger Birnstingl bassoon, Elizabeth Werry harpsichord Bach French Suite No. 5 in G; Sonatas by Bach; Bödecker; Telemann; Handel; Trios by Telemann; C. P. E. Bach £2.00, £1.50 (only) Jane Gray
Monday 7 Nov. 8 p.m.	SUSAN KESSLER (mezzo-soprano) David Syrus (piano) Programme includes Beethoven 6 Lieder von Gellert, Op. 48; Haydn Cantata: Arianna a Naxos; Brahms Zigeunerlieder; Songs by Schubert, Grieg, Granados. £1.00, 75p, 50p Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Tuesday 8 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	JUNKO NAKAYAMA Piano Recital. Schubert Sonata in A, D. 664; Berg Sonata, Op. 1; Debussy Etude No. 11; Liszt Etude in F minor; Mendelssohn Prelude and Fugue in E minor; Chopin Scherzo No. 3 Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22. £1.80, £1.50 Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Wednesday 9 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	BAROK TRIO AMSTERDAM Quantz Sonata in B flat; Sweelinck Ballo del granduca; Pavana Lachrimae; Bach Sonata No. 3 in G; Rameau Concert III in A; Bach Sonata in A, BWV 1032; J. C. F. Bach Sonata No. 1 in D. £1.50, £1.30, 80p Helen Anderson Music Management
Friday 11 Nov. 7.30 p.m.	CHRISTOPHER KITE (piano) ROBERT FERGUSON (piano) Poulenc Sonata; Stravinsky Sonata; Shostakovich Concertino; Billy Mayerl/Ferguson Praying Mantis; Railroad Rhythm; Debussy Petite Suite; Satie 3 Pieces in the Form of a Pear. £1.50, £1.25, £1.00. Basil Douglas Ltd.

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TV CHOICE

Today
5.25 pm BBC 2 A very welcome early-evening chance to see the excellent Women at War series (tonight, tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).
8 pm ITV London Weekend's Rhinemann Exchange is a *gripping winner. Do not be put off by the* apparently slow beginning; it needs to be if you are to master the essentials.
8.25 pm BBC 1 Only the real addicts of power, money and eccentricity can possibly want to watch a total of 3 hours and 10 minutes of The Amazing Howard Hughes, but that accounts for a lot of viewers, I suppose.
8.25 pm BBC 2 Otherwise, it has to be Russian Television's superb production of Boris Godunov, with Yevgeny Nesterenko *singing Boris*. From the Bolshoi, it marks the start of BBC's Russian week.
11 pm ITV Sir Harold Wilson's debut as a television historian/front man *tells us little (or nothing)* about his subject, Mr Harold Macmillan, or himself. Affectionate, even adulatory, but not memorable. But at least this first of the 12 programmes will be watched—and talked about.

Tomorrow
7.15 pm ITV The girls of The Rag Trade find yet another way to diddle the long-suffering and untypical Mr Fenner.
8.40 pm BBC 1 Howard Hughes continues.
9.5 pm BBC 2 *And second of the week's* Russian treats is the Bolshoi's production of The Nutcracker.
9.30 pm ITV But followers of the much-acclaimed Stan Barstow Cost of Loving series *will not want to miss the last*—The Human Element. Anti-climactic, but convincing.
10.25 pm BBC 1 Even if you have to miss the beginning, it is worth *turning to the gentle, utterly likeable* Charles Schulz, creator of Peanuts, in Everyman. Why, why so late? my daughters ask.

Iain Redpath


Tommy Lee Jones as Howard Hughes, BBC 1 tonight and tomorrow

THE WEEK'S FILMS

● Tonight's Midnight Movie (BBC 2, 11.50) is one of the best of the Hammers, The Nanny, made in 1965 by Seth Holt, a talented British director who died young after only one more feature. It stars Bette Davis in one of the more outrageous performances of her later career, as an English nanny—all tweeds, wool stockings and indulgent smirks—who harbours a deep dark secret.

Tomorrow's Film of the Book (BBC 1, 1.55 pm) is Alfred Hitchcock's British-made Under Capricorn (1949), scripted by James Bridie from a novel by Helen Simpson. This was the *film of which Hitchcock wistfully told François Truffaut,* "I would have liked it to have been a success". It was not, despite his care with the visual aspects of his setting (Australia in the 1830s), and fascinating playing by Ingrid Bergman as a sad alcoholic wife and Margaret Leighton as a homicidal housekeeper. A romantic melodrama alien to his tastes and talent, it was not enhanced by hangovers of the long-take style Hitchcock had devised for his previous film, Rope. Later the same day (BBC 2, *10.50 pm) there is a film by Hitchcock's most loyal disciple,* Claude Chabrol. La Femme Infidèle was the first and is still the best of Chabrol's dramas of marriage and murder. Here a rich and quietly married insurance broker murders his wife's lover, after which an unacknowledged complicity binds the couple more tightly than before.

The Hollywood Musical on Thursday (BBC 2, 9 pm) is Down Argentina Way (1940, directed by Irving Cummings) which launched two legends. Betty Grable, the cheerful, friendly girl with the legs, had been around Hollywood all of a decade before this picture finally established her as a star and the GIs favourite pin-up. The Brazilian Bombshell, *Carmen Miranda, was thrust* into the film on the strength of her success in a Broadway revue, Streets of Paris, and went on to the brief and colourful stardom which *had already taken a sharp dive before her death* at the age of 39 in 1948.

David Robinson

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1

8.50 am, Bagpuss. 9.05, Gymnast. 9.30, *Multi-coloured Swap Shop.* 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.50, 1.25, 2.00, 2.35, Racing from Cheltenham; 1.10, 2.50, Gymnastics, World Cup from Oviedo; 1.40, 2.15, 2.50, Rallycross, Castrol International; 3.30, Rugby, Widnes v Castleford; 4.15, Sporting Year 1971, review; 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Tom and Jerry.

5.25 News.
5.40 Basil Brush.
6.10 Dr Who.
6.35 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game.
7.30 The Duchess of Duke Street.
8.25 The Amazing Howard Hughes, dramatization with Tommy Lee Jones, part 1.
10.00 News.
10.10 Match of the Day.
11.10 Parkinson, with Sir John Betjeman, Gracie Fields.
12.10 am, Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—5.40-6.05 pm, Siandifang. SCOTLAND.—4.55-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.35-5.40, Scoreboard. 10.10, Sportscene. 10.40-11.30, The Liver Birds. NORTHERN IRELAND.—5.00-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.35-5.40, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2

3.00 pm, Film: Many Rivers to Cross, with Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker. 4.30, Horizon: A Child of Our Own. 5.25, Women at War, part 1: The Two Women of Pervyse.

6.00 *Open Door: Hunting the Wild Fox.*
6.30 Sight and Sound in Concert: Lone Star, Pat Travers Band.
7.30 News.
7.45 Beauty is in the Eye: Hindu: Ratha's Wedding.
7.55 Firework Fiesta: Mining Festival at Blackpool.
8.25 The *Lively Arts*—in Performance: Bolshoi Opera in Boris Godunov by Mussorgsky.
11.45 News.
11.50-1.20 am, Film: The Nanny, with Bette Davis.*

*Black and white.

HTV

9.05 am, Fantastic Voyage. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, London. 11.45-12.40 am, Gibbsville. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 5.30-6.00 pm, The Practice. 6.00-6.30, Tregampau.

Westward

9.25 am, Sesame Street. 10.25, Look and See. 10.30, Cartoon. 10.35, Film: Elephant Boy, with Sabu, Walter Hudd.* 12.00, Fantastic Voyage. 12.25 pm, Gus Honeybun. 12.30, London. 5.15, Granada. 7.30, London. 12.30 am, Talking Point.

Anglia

9.00 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Popeye. 5.30, London. 12.30 am, At the End of the Day.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Rolf Harris. 9.30, Six Million Dollar Man. 11.15, Calendar Kids. 12.00, Happy Days. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 7.30, London. 11.00, Concert, Pat Boone and Family, Tommy Banks Concert Orchestra. 12.00-12.25 am, Night Gallery.

Border

9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 7.30-12.30 am, London.

Channel

12.18 pm, Puffin. 12.30, London. 5.15, Granada. 7.30-12.30, London.

London Weekend

8.35 am, Skilful Soccer. 9.00, *Sesame Street.* 10.00, Our Show. 11.00, Space 1999. 12.00, Happy Days. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Australian Rules Football Final. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Doncaster; 1.45, Windsor; 2.00, Doncaster; 2.15, Windsor; 2.30, Doncaster; 2.45, Windsor; 3.00, Doncaster. 3.10, World Motor Cycle Jump *Championship.* 3.50, Half-time Roundup. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.

5.05 News.
5.15 Woody Woodpecker.
5.30 Man from Atlantis.
6.30 New Faces.
7.30 Sale of the Century.
8.00 Best Sellers: The Rhinemann Exchange, part 1, with Stephen Collins, Lauren Hutton.
9.45 News.
10.00 John *Curry Ice Spectacular* (r).
11.00 A Prime Minister on Prime *Ministers:* Sir Harold Wilson in conversation with David Frost.
11.45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker.
12.30 am, So it goes.
1.00 Epilogue.

(r) Repeat.

ATV

9.00 am, Skilful Soccer. 9.30, Tiswas. 12.30 pm-12.30 am, London.

Southern

9.00 am, Lost Islands. 9.27, Weather. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Popeye. 5.30, London. 11.45, Southern News. 11.50, *The Prisoner.* 12.35 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.15 am, Being a Child. 9.40, Skilful Soccer. 10.05, Last of the Wild. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Man from Atlantis. 7.30, The Rag Trade. 8.00, London. 10.00, The Masterspy. 10.45, John *Curry Ice Spectacular.* 11.45, Russell Harty. 12.45-1.15 am, Police Surgeon.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, Star Riders. 9.30, The Six Million Dollar Man. 11.15, Big Blue Marble. 11.35, Batman. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 7.30, London. 11.45, West Side Medical. 12.45, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.00 am, ATV. 9.30, The Six Million Dollar Man (r). 11.10, Dyno Mutt. 11.35, Island of Adventure. 12.30, London. 5.15, Granada. 7.30, London. 11.45, Late Call. 11.50-12.20, Love American Style.

Ulster

10.00 am, Sam the Leprechaun. 10.15, Baldmoney. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Beachcombers. 12.00, Clapperboard. 12.30, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.00, London. 10.00, Granada. 11.45-12.30, A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers.

Granada

9.30 am, Scene on Saturday. 10.05, Clue Club. 10.35, The Herbs. 10.50, The Lost Islands. 11.20, Popeye. 11.30, Thunderbirds. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, *Cartoon.* 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Man from Atlantis. 7.30, London. 12.25 am, Reflections.

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Playboard. 9.15, Sunday Gang. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Trade Union Studies. 10.50, Kontakte. 11.15, Tele-France. 11.40, On the *Move.* 11.50, *Your Move.* 12.15 pm, Sunday Worship: Meeting Place from Emsworth Parish Church, Hants. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, The Craft of the Potter. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film of the Book: Under Capricorn, by Helen Simpson, with Ingrid Bergman, Joseph Cotten. 3.45, The High Chaparral. 4.35, Royal Heritage: Charles I.

5.35 News.
5.45 Treasure Island.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St *John's Church,* Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
7.15 Poldark.
8.10 Dad's Army.
8.40 The Amazing Howard Hughes, with Tommy Lee Jones, part 2.
10.15 News.
10.25 Everyman: Happiness is a Warm Puppy: the work of *Charles Schulz,* creator of Charlie Brown.
11.00 Film 77.
11.30 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—1.55 pm, It's A Knockout. 3.10, Sport: Rugby, Abertillery v Pontypridd; Snooker, Welsh Professional Championship. 4.40, Campus! 5.05-5.35, The Discoverers. 11.00-11.30, Vibrations: Welsh National Opera.

BBC 2

9.55 am, Open University: General Assembly. 10.55-11.20, The First Year of Life. 2.45pm, Money Programme. Appetite for Growth, with Sir James Goldsmith. 3.20, Arena: Cinema. 3.50, Book Programme. 4.20, Women at War. 4.50, Rugby, Moseley v Newport. 5.50, The Long Search. The Chosen People.

6.40 News Review.
7.15 The World About Us. Sielmann's Alps: Wildlife in West Germany.
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10.50-12.25 Film: La Femme Infidèle.

HTV

9.00 am, Sesame Street. 10.00, ATV. 11.30, The Addams Family.* 12.00, London. 1.30 pm, Farming. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film, Don Ameche and the Ritz Brothers in The Three Musketeers.* 4.15, Southern. 5.15, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45-12.40 am, Baretta. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 4.15-5.15 pm, The Christians. 11.45-12.40 am, Man in the Middle.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Bygones. 11.25, Where the Jobs Are. 11.30, The Stationery Ark. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, The White Stone. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, The Addams Family. 2.20, Shoot! 3.20, Film: The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing, with Joan Collins, Farley Granger. 5.15, London. 7.45, Film: The Italian Job, with Michael Caine. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, Impact. 12.00, Police Woman. 12.50 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.35 am, Friends of Man. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Healthy Eating. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, London. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, When Things were Rotten. 2.30, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.15, Upstairs, Downstairs (r). 4.15, Scotsport. 5.15, London. 6.25, The Whyte Papers. 6.50, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, Late Call. 11.50-12.20 am, Music from Harewood.

Channel

1.58 pm, Weather. 2.00, ATV. 3.00, Film: A Town like Alice.* 5.15, London. 10.45, Executive Suite. 11.45, Took and Co. 12.10 am, Epilogue.

London Weekend

9.30 am, All About Babies (r). 10.00, Morning worship from New Kilpatrick Church, Bearsden, *Glasgow.* 11.00, Being a Child (r). 11.30, The Fantastic Four. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, University Challenge. 1.30, London Weekend Show. 2.00, Cartoon. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Boxing: Ken Norton v Jimmy Young. 4.15, San Francisco International Airport. 5.15, Reports Action. 5.45, Just William.

6.15 News.
6.25 Looking for Francis.
6.50 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 The Rag Trade.
7.45 Film: Danger in Paradise (1977), with Cliff Potts, John Dehner.
9.30 The Cost of Loving.
10.30 News.
10.45 Police 15.
11.00 London Programme.
12.00 George Hamilton IV.
12.25 am, Epilogue.

(r) Repeat.

ATV

9.30 am, Farming. 10.00, Morning Worship from New Kilpatrick *Church,* Bearsden, Glasgow. 11.00, All About Babies. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Being a Child. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00, The Invaders. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film: The Robe, with Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victure Mature. 5.15, London. 7.45, Film: A Man Called Sledge, with James Garner, Dennis Weaver, Claude Akins, Laura Antonelli. 9.30, London. 10.45-11.45, World Heavyweight Boxing.

Southern

9.00 am, Being a Child. 9.30, Skilful Soccer. 10.00, ATV. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Tandarra. 2.00, London. 3.00, People Rule! 3.40, Stars on Ice. 4.10, Southern News. 4.15, Upstairs, Downstairs. 5.15, London. 7.45, ATV. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, Bygones. 12.15, Weather, Epilogue.

Granada

9.35 am, The Osmonds. 10.00, ATV. 11.30, Mr Magoo. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Cartoon. 1.15, Space 1999. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Kodiak. 3.45, The Practice. 4.15 Southern. 5.15, London. 7.15, Muppet. 7.45, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, So It Goes. 12.15 am-12.45, The Adventurer.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Fantastic Voyage. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Calendar Sunday. 1.25, Emmerdale Farm. 2.30, Football Special. 3.15, Film: Stagecoach, with Bing Crosby, Ann-Margret, Alex Cord. 5.15, London. 7.45, Film: The Italian Job, with Michael Caine, Noel Coward, Benny Hill. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45-12.40 am, Power without Glory.

Border

9.30 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 10.30, Link. 11.00, Healthy Eating. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, International Darts. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoon. 2.10, Border Diary. 2.15, London. 3.15, Emergency. 4.15, The Odd Couple. 4.45, Try for Ten. 5.15, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45-12.15 am, Electric Theatre Show.

Grampian

10.00 am, ATV. 11.30, Mathematics for Adults. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Skilful Soccer. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoon. 2.15, Westwind to Hawaii. 2.45, Star Maidens. 3.15, Upstairs, Downstairs. 4.15, Scotsport. 5.15, London. 6.25, The Whyte Papers. 6.50, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, In Search of ESP. 12.15 am, Reflections.

RADIO

1
6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, *Paul Gambaccini.* 1.31 pm, Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31, Rock and Roll.† 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert, Lone Star, Pat Travers Band.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Acker Bilk.† 8.45, BBC Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.10, Wally Whyton.† 11.02, *Ray Moore.*† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
†. stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Teddy Johnson.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, Albert and Me. 1.30-5.55, Sport including Football; Racing from Doncaster and Cheltenham. 5.00, *Sports* Report. 6.03, Pop over Europe. 7.02, Roy Castle. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Eduard Strauss, Villa-Lobos, Britten, Rossini, Glinka, Milhaud.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Delius, Janacek, Warlock.† 11.10, Tchaikovsky.† 12.02 pm, John Amis.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Dartington *String Quartet:* Haydn, Schoenberg.† 2.00, Woman of Action: Lilian Hochhauser.† 3.35, Paganini, Beethoven, Harris.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Critics' Forum. 6.35, Liszt the Progressive: Talk by *Leslie Howard.*† 7.25, *Music for* the Royal Fireworks, by Handel.† 8.00, Nightingale and Serpent: Talk. 8.25, Boris Godunov, by Mussorgsky: Bolshoi Opera production.† 11.45-11.50, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, *News.* 7.10, *On Your Farm.* 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sport on 4. 8.45, Today's Papers 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.10, Pick of the Week. 10.00, News. 10.02, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Between the Lines. 11.00, News. 11.02, The Week in Westminster. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, John Amis. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Royal Variety 1963. 2.30, Play: Council Property. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He Take Sugar? 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore. 5.30, Week Ending. . . . 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Island Discs. 6.50, Robert Robinson. 7.30, *Christopher* Grier, records. 8.30, Play: Our Roman Cousins. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in *Edgeways.* 11.00, *Prayers.* 11.15, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.

SUNDAY

Radio

1
6.30 am, News; *Sam Costa.*† 8.00, Playground. 8.32, Boxing: Ken Norton v Jimmy Young. 8.34, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Simon Bates. 1.00 pm, Jimmy *Savile.* 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.10, Elvis Presley Story. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.02, Albert and Me. 7.30, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, *Sunday* Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.07, Nordring Festival: Belgium's entry.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.03, This Is The Day . . .† 8.32, Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Roy Castle. 2.30, The Songwriters: Leo Robin.† 3.30, Don Davis. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Brain of Sport. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, The Philharmonia in the 50s: Beethoven.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Nielsen, Stravinsky, Gluck, Rameau, Rheinberger.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.20, From the New World, part 1: Dvorak.† 12.00, Words . . . by Fritz Spiegel. 12.05, From the New World, part 2: Ives, Varese.† 12.55, Vermeer String Quartet: Mozart, *Mendelssohn, Schumann.*† 2.15, Talking about Music.† 2.45, La Favorita, opera by Donizetti. Acts 1 and 2.† 4.05, *Reading.* 4.15, La Favorita, Acts 3 and 4. 5.35, Angus Wilson on Kipling. 6.05, *Songs of* Francis Poulenc, part 3: Voyage à Paris.†
7.30, Festival Hall, concert, part 1: Prokofiev, Grieg.† 8.20, The Crisis in Film Criticism. 8.40, Festival Hall, part 2: Dvorak.† 9.30, Many Reasons Why: The *American Involvement in Vietnam.* 10.20, Bach Cantata No. 119. 10.50, Beetles, insect life feature. 11.25-11.30, News.

4
7.10 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.40, Bells. 7.45, *Reading.* 7.50, Sunday Papers. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday. 8.45, Appeal, *Fellowship of St Nicholas.* 8.50, Sunday Papers. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, International *Assignment.* 9.30, *Service.* 10.15, Miscellany. 11.00, Local Time. 11.30, Money Box. 12.00, Not Now, I'm Listening. 12.40 pm, Letter from America. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.40, James Galway. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: Yegor Bulichov and Others. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking *About Antiques.* 4.30, *The Living* World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, The Archers. 7.15, If You Think You've Got Problems. 8.00, Music to Remember from British Dance Bands. 9.00, News. 9.03, Freedom Farewell. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, Larkinland, anthology of Philip Larkin's poetry, 11.00, Compline. 11.15, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.

Westward

10.00 am, ATV. 1.00 pm, Healthy Eating. 1.30, Farm and Country News. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film, A Town Like Alice, with Virginia McKenna, Peter Finch.* 5.15, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, Took and Co. 12.10 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.30 am, London. 11.30, Elephant Boy (r). 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Batman. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Match of the Week. 3.00, Cartoon. 3.20, Space 1999. 4.15, Southern. 5.15, *London.* 10.45, ATV. 11.45, Russell Harty. 12.45 am, The Bible for Today.

DAVID WADE

Views of the world

Except for tonight's simultaneous broadcast with TV of *Boris Godunov,* radio has already *marked*—"celebrated" would be too strong a word—the sixtieth anniversary of the *Russian Revolution. A play* by Gorki, a study of contemporary Russia and a tea-time set of *reminiscences* were *the sum* of it: not a vast outlay for what you might consider *the* political upheaval of the century, but it seemed to me that in quality Erik de Mauny's study, *Whatever Happened to the Revolution?* more than made up for any lack of quantity.

In format this programme was nothing startling: mainly commentary and interviews. Its strength lay in the fact that it gave a view of Russian society quite different from the one it is so easy to acquire: while not ignoring the unacceptable face of Communism and those who dissent from it—in this case Sakharov—Mr de Mauny spoke mainly to those who think life in the Soviet Union is broadly speaking going in the right direction. Not all of these by any means were people with little or no experience of any country but their own: one, Vladimir Pozner, had spent much of his youth in the United States and spoke perfect Amerenglish; another, Natalya Ilina, had spent half her life outside the USSR. She said, ". . . I prefer this life. Maybe because it's my language, my culture, my country . . . and I always felt happy here".

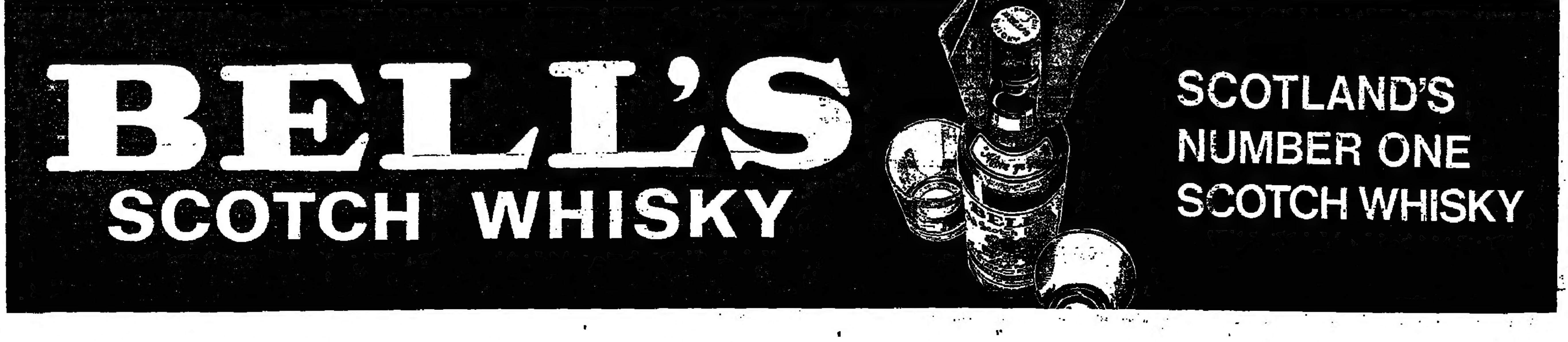
From this and much else we heard it is really very hard to come away still hanging on to the belief that if many Russians approve of their society, it is only because they don't know any better. You were obliged to consider other reasons why they see it and the world around them as they do and one of these was summed up by Mr Pozner: "Over these sixty years the vast majority of the people have sacrificed so much for this system that they have proven beyond a question of doubt that they are for this system — because if they weren't, it simply would not have held up."

This explains a great deal on its own, and not only because, during that sixty years the standard of living of the mass of Soviet citizens has improved beyond all recognition. You might argue that it would have done so anyway and under any other system, but the time and the system and the betterment have coincided and are seen—whether they are or not—as *interdependent.* Where a country has apparently given so many of its citizens so much and many of them can still recall what life was like before, no wonder that it is regarded as a "moral offence" to criticize that country beyond a certain point and especially to wish to emigrate. This is without taking into account the strength of Russian feeling for the very soil of Russia, something which we, in England hardly seem to feel for English soil at all, perhaps because it has been so little threatened.

The effect of such material as this is actually to create or, if you already have it, to reawaken the understanding that the Russian view of their society vis-à-vis the rest of the world has the same logic and reality to them as does ours to us; while our society, for reasons of belief as sincere as any we may hold, looks just as unappetizing in most Russian eyes as does theirs from over here. In short, Mr de Mauny made it possible, if only briefly and without much *depth,* to glimpse the world as seen by someone else, an experience which almost inevitably brings into question the nature of the process by which you or I or anybody acquires sincere belief and what the virtue of sincere belief—which we all most sincerely believe in—may actually be. What is this powerful element in our perception of the world which seems so necessary, so absolute and yet is so very obviously relative? To raise such questions seems to me one of the most valuable things broadcasting, or *any* other effort to communicate, can do. At least, so I believe. And *quite sincerely, too.*

Radio 3 has just launched a new series of six talks on *The State of Depth Psychology,* the first two of which can hardly have encouraged anyone who may be *pinning his hopes* for the future of man on to this branch of inquiry. In the opening talk Dr Charles Rycroft spoke of the question at present dividing the psycho-analytic *fraternity:* are they—as Freud claimed—natural scientists in the same way as are physicists and therefore able to explain the causation of the phenomena they observe? Or are they rather subjective interpreters? Reference back to ultimate authority does not greatly clarify: whatever he may have *believed* about his status as a *scientist* Freud managed to entitle a major work not *The Explanation* . . . but *The Interpretation of Dreams.* Dr Rycroft was lucid and easy to listen to; Professor Dan Miller who came after him was clear enough but made listening an effort. Nevertheless I *followed* his account of the behaviour of psychoanalysts as being like that of converts and/or of a group under pressure with enough attention to resolve that when my own guilts become too much for me, I will seek relief by other means.

"*Play*" is not quite the right word for *Combined Subjects* by Yvonne Mallett which turned up in Radio 3's *Drama Now* but this brief and unconsummated correspondence between an aging professor and his student held me tight and kept me smiling slightly in appreciation. Under David Spenser's direction the actors, Anna Calder-Marshall and Timothy West caught every nuance. Very nice indeed.



Paperbacks of the month

Interview
Beastly Basil

The Fawlty Towers picture-book (Futura, £2.50) is an assembly of three scripts from the first series (*The Builders*, *The Hotel Inspectors* and *Gourmet Night*) complete with still-frames from the television tapes and an italicized commentary by John Cleese and Connie Booth to cover the non-verbal jokes. An initial print order of 150,000 copies suggests that somebody somewhere knows there are an awful lot of Cleese addicts about.

Cleese himself remains uncertain about what will make people buy the book of the programme: "When we were doing *Monty Python* there were records and books and T-shirts and a whole spinoff industry which I never really understood: people talked about 'supporting' *Python* as though we were a football team and I think there may be some of that feeling for *Fawlty Towers*, though of course we're working to a wider and maybe older audience. Pompous though this may sound, laughter affirms membership of a group, and that group may need something to hold on to: one of the worst things in the world is to be in a room where everyone else is laughing and you're not—you feel threatened and very angry.

"There are two things you can never tell an Englishman: one is that he's bad in bed and the other is that he hasn't a sense of humour. My father once wrote in to *Punch* to complain because he couldn't understand one of the cartoons: it never to his dying day occurred to him that it might be his fault and not the magazine's."

Born 37 years ago to a family of solicitors and churchmen in Weston-super-Mare, Cleese went up to Cambridge with every intention of becoming a solicitor himself, and only last month plucked up the courage to throw out the last of his law books. A career in undergraduate revues and then television led him to *Python* and from there to *Fawlty Towers* which he writes and performs with his ex-wife Connie Booth. Not that they're actually divorced: nothing in the Cleese life is quite as simple as that. They are merely separated, pending further arrangements:

"We work together very well but as a married couple we found we were holding each other back and that we'd do better apart: I find I can write with her the way I used to write with Graham Chapman—she does the jokes and I'm best on construction, though maybe I shouldn't say that after the recent ITV *Sherlock Holmes* we did. But I reckon in any 10 TV shows you do, at least two are bound to be terrible: then you wake up next morning and the *New Statesman* is saying "Mr Cleese should take a holiday". That's critics for you: do they remember the good ones? Sometimes. But by God they never forget the bad. I think with *Fawlty* I may have lost some of that student audience we had for *Python*, who liked short sketches, but there comes a time when it's much more satisfying to work on something with a storyline and real characters. We've only done six programmes so far, but we plan to make seven more next autumn and Connie and I are working on those now. But the first lot seem to have gone well: the BBC have repeated them twice and in Pittsburgh one Sunday night they showed the whole lot straight off. In Miami they had a *Fawlty* festival, but it's really here that it works best.

"England, you know, is a nation of small hotel keepers, not shopkeepers and *Fawlty Towers* is based on a hotel called the Gleneagles in Torquay where Connie and I stayed once when we were filming for a *Python* series. In the best traditions of English comedy the manager there was extremely small and his wife was extremely large and she ran him and he ran the hotel. He had a wonderful concept of guests as a bloody nuisance, irrelevant really to his life even though he did happen to be running a hotel for them, and that's where it all started.

"But Basil Fawlty is made up of all kinds of other people as well, like the BBC programme planner who stormed out of a conference at Broadcasting House saying 'If we didn't have to do all these bloody programmes all the time we could really run this place properly'. You have to remember that small hotels in England are run for the benefit of the staff, not the guests: the Hilton people are seriously contemplating buying up the old *Fawlty Towers* tapes to use as training films in how not to be a manager. I suppose we're the unacceptable face of *Crossroads*, really. But have you even noticed how in small hotels all the signs are designed to encourage the guests to run the place themselves? That's what *Fawlty Towers* is about."

Sheridan Morley

Marc's Hugh Moreland and X. Trapnell, from Casanova's Chinese Restaurant and Books do Furnish a Room.

Completed comedy

ANTHONY POWELL: A Dance to the Music of Time (Fontana, 12 vols: vols 1-5 and 8, 85p, rest 95p)
Handbook to Anthony Powell's Music of Time, by Hilary Spurling (Heinemann, hardback £7.50)

The death of an artist changes everything about his work. There's no more "promise" or "development". There's a finished oeuvre, with a line drawn across the page, like an account book.

It's the same with Anthony Powell's novel-series, *Music of Time*, published over 24 years. The comedy is complete. Here it is, all in one eyeful, on the paperback display rack. A family snapshot album now: not a continuous movie programme.

On Marc's brilliant covers, the anti-hero, Widmerpool, begins brutal and ends up dotty. The composer, Hugh Moreland, sits glumly in front of a Soho half-pint. X. Trapnell, the novelist, pouts in belted coat and black glasses in an hotel bedroom, with Lady Widmerpool (I presume) naked and bum upwards on the bedspread. Dressed and older, Lady Pamela mooches along by a phallic symbol of Venice.

Marc's only error is to make her blonde and sex-hungry. She was black-haired and sex-hungry, as Hilary Spurling notes in her new *Handbook*. (This checklist of all the characters and main incidents is almost as seductive as the original novels.)

Someone coming to Powell for the first time can now read the whole thing, in the right order, in as little or as much time as it takes to get through 12 books. But to those of us who read the series as it came out, it has been part of growing-up. The two become very hard to disentangle. Is *Music of Time* over-praised? I find it impossible to tell.

Auberon Waugh, for example, refers to it disparagingly as "knitting"; and it's true that Powell is not a man to shun cliché, and has an almost bovine tendency to ruminate. In my view, too, neither the narrator, Nicholas Jenkins, nor the great bogyman, Kenneth Widmerpool, is very interesting. The last novel, *Hearing Secret Harmonies*, is one of the weakest because it turns so much on Widmerpool himself, unconvincingly cast as a would-be guru of the Alternative Society. Even through 11 previous books, he has never acquired enough character to be given a plausible retread.

But what is it, then, about these novels which can become almost obsessive?

For a start, in an old-fashioned sense, they offer a "world". There is one restaurant in Frith Street I always think of as Anthony Powell Soho. When, on different occasions, I saw Spender, Auden and Day-Lewis there, I was as pleased as Inspector Maigret. Corroborative evidence of the Thirties.

The charm of *Music of Time* lies in the pressure of anecdote, the carrousel of persons met and re-met in different circumstances, almost always by chance. Raffish, literary London of the Thirties and Forties is captured here as well as John Aubrey (whom Powell has edited) captured the seventeenth century. But no so much brief lives as recurrent ones.

I was in the sixth form when the series began. I tried to read all of the first three, at various times; but without success. I found them as tedious as boarding school memoirs tend to be for those who were not plunged into that totemic form of education. School and its echoes dominate all three. It was No 4, *At Lady Molly's*, that bit me: published when I was educating myself in English literature at Oxford city library, in the intervals of taking a degree in French. I read all the rest as they came out, and read over the first three again, enjoying them now for what they led up to.

As the years (and the novels) passed, I began to see that not only was this an amusing slice of another life, it was also how a life was *led*. Perhaps that is the penalty of going into London journalism.

Did I end up on the fringe of this fringe-life because of reading Powell at an impressionable age? Or did Powell impress me because this was the sort of person I was about to become?

Compare Powell to that other novel-series of our time, C. P. Snow's *Strangers and Brothers*. Snow is mocked for his owlishness; but Powell can prose on, too. Snow is often, I think, treated simply snobbishly; he is chronicling a social climb: Powell has already arrived. But both the Powell and the Snow series share the extra-literary effect of *reporting* (as well as they can) on something that seems to have actually happened.

It is not necessarily to one's credit if Powell seems the more appealing. Unlike Snow, however, he knows a joke when he hears it. And Snow lacks the taste for gossip and mildly salacious scandal. (Did Professor Gwinnet, X. Trapnell's biographer, really have it off with the *dead* Lady Widmerpool?)

Anything for a joke, of course. But note the moral. Beware what you wish for—you may get it. Beware what you read—you may live it. Books do furnish my room.

Paul Barker

Lovers, readers

The Letters and Journals of Katherine Mansfield, edited by C. K. Stead
(Penguin, 95p; Allen Lane, £5.75)

Surely, for many, Katherine Mansfield was a first literary love affair from which one has never recovered, starting as one did (aged 18, 19, 20) with the *Journal* and those *Letters* which enabled one to face elders and betters with a new *sense of awareness, of confidence*, of superiority even. Could *they* understand as well as she those revelations into the sensitivity of daily events? Clearly not! We and she, that is Katherine, confronted the coarse static adult world (forever telling us to face facts) and shared a quite magical conception of what life was all about. "Oh, life! accept me—make me worthy—teach me. I write that. I look up. The leaves move in the garden, the sky is pale, and I catch myself weeping. It is hard—it is hard to make a good death . . ." At 18, 19, even 20, this was pure gold.

All this nostalgia returns as one reads C. K. Stead's *Katherine Mansfield: Letters & Journals*, admittedly nostalgia tempered by a latterday knowledge of Katherine herself, which enables us to appreciate that behind the delicacy of her manners and health she was as tough as steel. Mr Stead (New Zealander like KM) has conscientiously checked transcriptions, includes a few hitherto unpublished letters (including a description of one of those celebrated rows between Frieda and Lawrence), provides a thoughtful and informative introduction to the background history of those Letters and Journal, examines perhaps rather too kindly, Murry's "exploitation" of his wife's literary remains, and assesses KM's international reputation. Useful for a new generation of readers to these two classics are Mr Stead's linking biographical notations to his selection, arranged as a chronological autobiography, in which he allows himself some excellent criticism of KM's biographer, Antony Alpers and of Murry, while further drawing attention to KM's now famous "chameleon" moods.

Perhaps KM's greatest hold on our constant attention is her specific ability to enthrall and distress almost simultaneously. Her journal and letters, read in conjunction with all biographical references, show a personality totally confident of its power to charm and enslave, because, when one reaches the point of throwing up one's hands in revulsion, she neatly engages mind and heart all over again. There really is no escape from her, once addicted, and we who did not know her personally may thank our lucky stars that we were not so emotionally buffeted as were, say Murry (although he inspires little sympathy) and that devoted long-suffering friend, Ida Baker, the L.M. of the journal and letters, whom Katherine hit so constantly with the ruthlessness of a tennis champion, yet whose dedication she absolutely depended on. Her bisexual nature was a fearful weapon which kept Katherine basically inviolate from all lovers. Enthusiasts and potential lovers such as Ottoline Morrell and Virginia Woolf were indeed moths to her flame, and singed were both ladies in the unequal battle of friendship with Katherine.

All this and more these ever engrossing *Letters and Journal* reveal, in such a participatory fashion that one has a vivid physical sense of being trapped in KM's world.

Here then is a little summary of what I need—power, wealth and freedom. It is the hopelessly insipid doctrine that love is the only thing in the world . . . which hampers us so cruelly. We must get rid of that bogey—and then, then comes the opportunity of happiness and freedom.

A pertinent quote featured by Mr Stead with its revealing word "bogey", typical of one who handled love inspired with a brutality near barbarous, one who never for a moment allowed a lover (whether momentarily rejected or judiciously entertained be it poor old Murry, "Bogey" in fact, or LM, distraught and bewildered), to withdraw or reduce emotional commitment to her by a fraction. She was out to consume them all, since she herself was being daily consumed by tuberculosis.

Her final affront to all her lovers was to hand herself over to the mystical depersonalisation of the Gurdjieff Institute as death robbed her of life. A superbly Machiavellian cut-off from love, which she so desperately needed, denied her by her mother, tricked from her by the death of her idealised brother (called "Bogey" in the stories), love about which she was so ruthlessly calculating, denying to others and herself the warmth of it when the gall of coming to terms with it conflicted with her personal sense of justice, that is her assessment of how much generosity she, dying every day of her life, could afford to spend.

If, mild revenge, for the passions she inspires in us as we read the letters and the journal (and the biographical memoirs), one hopes to challenge her supremacy over us by rereading the work, vaguely hoping to find it lacking in some measure, she triumphs yet again, because the work, those five volumes of short stories, do in fact shine among the immortals of literature. Indeed, even those early *In A German Pension* stories, caricatures to some extent (to her credit she refused to allow them to be reprinted during the First World War), are, as first work, exceptional. *Bliss*, brilliant, callous, depressing life experiences dazzle, while the personal relationships they describe, tender and tense, are counterpoint to that journal. One truly weeps for Katherine that she did not live long enough to enjoy the fame so greatly desired which would have been her knowledge at the posthumous publication of *The Garden Party*, containing as it does her masterpieces ("At the Bay," "The Daughters of the Late Colonel", the title story) which so magnificently record her art.

Kay Dick

Also available in Penguin: *In A German Pension*, *Bliss* (60p each), *The Garden Party* (75p).

In brief

With Philby: the Spy Who Betrayed a Generation by Bruce Page, David Leitch and Phillip Knightley (Sphere, 95p) newly available in paperback it is hard to separate the facts from the recent fictions of John le Carré, particularly as it is he who contributes an introduction.

Eric Hiscock's The Bells of Hell Go Ting-A Ling-A Ling (Corgi, 75p) is a vivid memoir of a 15-year-old soldier in The Royal Fusiliers in the Great War. As Laurence Cotterell remarked in *The Times* on its original publication: "Here is all the desperate humour of men hemmed in by deformed death and god-mocking mutilation."

For children
Yo ho ho

If any excise can be found for the *Treasure Island* that the BBC are currently unreeling before us then it must surely be the flickering tube's vindication of the printed word. For, on the rare occasions when the television version heaves-to alongside the original story, the drama jumps and pulses with a life quite absent in all the adaptor's fanciful modifications. The only *Treasure Island* worth discovering is Stevenson's *Treasure Island*—and the less messing about with that the better.

This warning is necessary, because the television production has prompted a number of paperback reissues, none of which entirely measures up to an ideal cheap edition of the book. It would be natural, I suppose to recommend the Puffin edition (50p for the completeness of its text and the smoothness of its production, but, unaccountably, it omits Stevenson's—or, rather, Captain Flint's—map, which, as Eleanor Graham notes in her preface, was the foundation of the whole story.

If you want a map, therefore, you will have to buy the more scrubby paperbacks put out by Dent (Everyman 60p) or Collins (Armada 40p). The first of these is complete, and has a solid introduction by M. R. Ridley, but is otherwise undistinguished; the second says it is abridged, but I haven't been able to discover where, beyond the preliminary poem and dedication, the editor's cutlass has been at work. At all events, it has been vastly less destructive than that wielded by Mr Tom Barling, in his "retold" edition in the Piccolo Adventure Library (50p)—a book also illustrated by Mr Barling with quite exceptional infelicity.

The General Editor of the Piccolo Library is Edward Blishen, who has published several protestations of good intent over this hacking up of famous texts (fidelity to the spirit of the book; making an exciting story accessible to less literate readers, etc.). From a comparison of the mutilated *Treasure Island* with the real thing though, the deletions and simplifications appear to be done in the most arbitrary manner, and one can't help feeling that Stevenson's text might well make more sense to the reader or storyteller than Mr Barling's. It stands, I suppose, as one more example of the *trahison* of our contemporary *clercs*.

Brian Alderson

History
Self-made kings

William the Conqueror, by David C. Douglas (Eyre Methuen, £3.50)
Henry II, by W. L. Warren (Eyre Methuen, £4.50)
Henry VII, by S. B. Chrimes (Eyre Methuen, £3.50)

The series "English Monarchs" was launched after Professor Warren's *King John* (1961) had proved that a well-written study of a medieval personality could win favour with the modern general reader. Under the editorship of Professor Douglas, the series is becoming a monument of contemporary English historical scholarship; its seven volumes to date have been dubbed as standard works.

William the Conqueror, Henry II and Henry VII all won the English crown by leading invasions from France. At Hastings in 1066 William of Normandy vindicated his claim as heir of Edward the Confessor. Henry of Anjou's campaign in 1153 forced King Stephen to recognize his hereditary right, so that he succeeded in 1154, ending a long period of intermittent civil war. Henry Tudor's victory at Bosworth in 1485 was the last action which decided possession of the crown in a longer, even more spasmodic era of disorder, the so-called Wars of the Roses.

These three self-made kings founded dynasties. An important aspect of the histories of their reigns is therefore how they established and secured control of the kingdom. Obviously all had the personal qualities necessary to govern in the conditions of their respective times.

William alone had much hard experience as a ruler before his accession. Since he was seven, in 1035, he had perilously survived as Duke of Normandy, only after 1047 effectively asserting authority over his belligerent barons. Eleven magnates who had proved their loyalty in these critical years received a quarter of England.

William assumed the hallowed character of Anglo-Saxon monarchy and retained much of its governmental structure, but he replaced the Old English aristocracy with his own followers and established the principle that all land was held from the king. Feudal practices of land tenure were thus applied throughout England, so assuring William of a trained army of nearly 5,000 mounted knights.

Another Norman innovation was the erection of castles to dominate the conquered land. Native risings were savagely repressed. Self-preservation dictated that the Conqueror's companions should uphold his rule.

Two generations after William's death in 1087, the menace to royal authority and public order latent in feudal society was unleashed. Henry II's prime aim was to recover the powers and possessions held by his grandfather Henry I. Force and intimidation were necessary instruments of policy throughout his long reign (1153-89), both in England and in his domains which covered the western half of modern France. "A superb commander-in-chief" (Warren), Henry succeeded by striking with unexpected speed and overwhelming might at his enemies' key positions; "impregnable" castles were taken and destroyed.

This French and often absent king must be numbered among the founders of the English nation. Legal procedures were devised and made available so that his subjects' disputes could be determined in his courts, often held in their counties, by verdicts of local jurors. Our word *assizes* commemorates Henry II's provision of due process of law.

Royal justice became a national amenity and soon came to be regarded as a right enjoyed by all freemen, including the vassals of barons. It was a unifying bond, giving rise by 1215 to the concept of a community of the realm. Later still, the king's practice of ordering localities to send spokesmen to provide information was extended to summoning elected representatives of local communities to parliaments. The origins of our constituency system can thus be traced from Henry II's reign.

After the protean Angevin, Henry VII appears a lustreless figure and the history of his reign (1485-1509) almost barren of incident. The contrast is partially due to the absence of literary sources equal in sophistication to those of the twelfth century. The compensating abundance of official records compels Professor Chrimes to concentrate on Henry's development of conciliar and financial agencies.

Professor Douglas gives due weight to the importance of the Church in eleventh-century England and Normandy. By Henry II's time, royal control in ecclesiastical affairs had been moderated by the extension of papal jurisdiction and clerical separatism, problems temporarily exacerbated by the intransigent personality of Thomas Becket. On the eve of the Reformation, Henry VII's relations with the Church were seemingly so placid that Professor Chrimes can dismiss the subject in five pages.

R. L. Storey

A letter to my love

Love Letters: an anthology chosen by Antonia Fraser (Penguin, 80p)
Les Liaisons Dangereuses, by Choderlos de Laclos (Penguin Classics, 85p)

Love letters—the only letters that are kept for years, re-read, and cherished—are here divided into 17 categories, ranging from Declarations, Jealousies, Passions to Extasies, Farewells and Unions. The writers are chosen, not only for their literary skill (there is a heart-rending one from the front in 1914-18 War from a man who never came back) but for their universal appeal. Some are from fiction. There is one gap—no representation of the most ordinary and painful of love letters—the "Dear John".

Is it happy love that brings tears, or the pain of parting? I find the Carlyles' letters to each other very moving, and so is Camille Desmoulins' last letter, on the eve of his death by the guillotine, to his young wife. He was not to know that she would follow the same path some few weeks later. Some, like Liszt or Proust, are a *bit much*, and so, I find are Abelard's letters to Heloise. One cannot help remembering that something like 10 years passed after their tragedy before he wrote one single word to her. Love unwanted is the saddest—almost impossible to read Carrington's declaration to Lytton Strachey without crying.

Who would one like to get a love letter from? There's Chopin, who seems to have the gift of writing just as if he were speaking—or Walter Bagehot, who writes a sweet, funny letter to the girl he was to marry. And they lived happily ever after, I am glad to say.

Lady Antonia was not included in her selection, as she might well have done, anything from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, a novel written entirely as an exchange of letters from people living in the same section of society. The author was an unknown officer of artillery, and it was published anonymously in 1782. It was soon a runaway best seller, to use a modern phrase. And people shuddered, and were scandalized, as they still are, at the picture of society it revealed. They were rich, they were bored, they had very little to do, except take part in flirtations, love affairs, and to add the spice of danger, *liaisons* bound to cause trouble, agonies, duels, deaths, disgraces. The protagonists are the Marquise de Merteuil and the Vicomte de Valmont. The Vicomte has all the talents for the classical seducer: he is handsome, charming, resourceful, without a heart or conscience, devoted to the pleasures of the chase, bored when the quarry has capitulated. He has an added advantage, as the Marquise advises him on his future actions. "When one woman takes aim at the heart of another, she rarely fails to find the vulnerable spot, and the wound she makes is incurable."

The Vicomte thinks it would be amusing to seduce the virtuous young wife, Madame de Tourvel. At the same time, he seduces Cecile de Volanges, a young girl, in revenge against the man she is to marry, who is an enemy of his. The Marquise, while appearing a virtuous woman, helps him, and on her own account manages to humiliate a well known lady-killer, Monsieur de Prevan, first by allowing him her favours, then contriving to get him thrown out of her bedroom by her servants as an attempted rapist. It is a grim game of honour, revenge, sexual pleasure and humiliation, expressed in terms of war, of defeats and conquests, triumphs and attacks. It is, moreover, extraordinarily well written, quite amoral, coldly amusing and absolutely fascinating.

The author knows altogether too much about women for their comfort. Every art of attracting the opposite sex, however trivial, has been observed and anatomized. And even though the concept of honour, both personal and social, has largely disappeared from our lives, the war between the sexes continues, though on a different front. We are told, and no wonder, that the Marquise de Coigny gave instructions, after the book was published, that she was no longer at home to Monsieur de Laclos.

As in life, virtue does not triumph. Innocence falls to the sophisticated wiles of an artist in seduction. There is a perfunctory kind of retribution for the Viscomte and the Marquise—he dies in a duel, she contracts confluent smallpox and loses all her money. Nevertheless, they are the hero and heroine of this extraordinary work, and have the glamour of evil that the liturgy warns us about. Choderlos de Laclos survived the Terror, to become one of Napoleon's generals. He was also that curious phenomenon, the author who writes just one great book. Why it has always been the one I would take to a desert island I cannot quite make out.

Philippa Toomey

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Travel

Two words that worry travel agents

This weekend, members of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) are gathering for their annual convention in Lisbon. Or, rather, some of them are. The majority, thousands, have elected to remain at home, away from the vital discussions that affect their future, and ours, too, as the travel and holiday buying public. For that reason, and a few others, the Lisbon convention will be a failure.

Vigorous speeches will doubtless be made, and perhaps even strong resolutions carried. In the many social gatherings there will be heady talk of a bright long-term future, but all that talk will sooner or later turn to the real problems of the present. And to two key words, "Stabilizer" and "Tjaereborg".

You could be forgiven for thinking that they were, respectively, the brand names of a slimming aid and a lager beer, but they are words which pinpoint the trade's biggest problems. And because these problems must affect us over the next few months, I would like to deal with them here.

"Stabilizer" is the name given to a scheme thought up by the trade in the wake of tour company failures a decade and more ago. To protect the consumer, members of ABTA agreed to do business only with each other. Agents would sell only those holidays manufactured by member tour companies, and tour companies would sell only through member agents. Prices and commission rates would be strictly controlled.

Although a measure of protection was afforded, it was clearly a travel trade "closed shop". Such cosy arrangements are not allowed under current legislation, and the Office of Fair Trading has given ABTA a year to dispense with its controls before referring what remains of "Stabilizer" to the restrictive practices court. The association's chairman, Mrs Margaret Hook, has described this as "a suspended sentence", and claims that the present arrangements are in the public interest, pointing out that ABTA is unique, as a trade body in that it administers a consumer protection scheme. "We are the only industry to carry the burden of £50m worth of consumer protection debts before we even start trading", she remarked recently.

There is little chance of "Stabilizer" surviving. The consumer is well protected without it—through the bonding system of the Civil Aviation Authority, backed up by the Air Travel Reserve Fund which is currently worth £12.5m, as well as by recent legislation against the brochure "small print". Any additional protection afforded by an ABTA code of conduct can be made available without the *quid pro quo* of "Stabilizer's" restrictive aspects.

Recognizing this, ABTA should remember that it was formed to protect its members, not the public, and it should concentrate on such matters as the training of industry recruits, the use of technology in the industry, and generally on establishing the "image" of its members as professionals, the real source of travel knowledge. (It is a fact that every letter of inquiry from a reader to me and to any other travel writer is a condemnation of the travel trade in this last respect.)

Without the protection of "Stabilizer" the travel trade would face the same pressures that other retail industries do—the growth of discount trading and the sale of the product through other outlets such as general stores and supermarkets and even mail order catalogues. It is this aspect of change that the retailers fear most, for they are extremely vulnerable. And it is this aspect—the complete upset of established holiday selling arrangements—that brings us to "Tjaereborg".

It is the name of a Danish tour company—one of the largest in Europe—which has entered the British market and will, from next month, be selling holidays to the Mediterranean in competition with the likes of Cosmos and Thomson, Enterprise and the rest. It will sell at lower prices—12 per cent lower is the generally forecast figure—and it will sell direct to the public. Already its poster advertising campaign in the resort hotels and at Gatwick airport has caused some fury among established tour companies and its Christmastime television commercials are unlikely to soothe them.

Some have pointed out that the Tjaereborg programme of a little over 25,000 holidays is a drop in the ocean, but the company made a similar modest entry into the German market in 1974, selling just 53,895 holidays that summer. This year it sold 174,308 and estimates 222,000 for 1978. Its total sales in West Germany and Scandinavia are around the 600,000 mark.

Though many people use and appreciate the services of their local travel agents, there is little "brand loyalty" in the purchase of holidays, and Tjaereborg will take business away from other operators and from the travel agents. (Another advantage it offers is that you receive all your travel documents along with the confirmation of your booking, within 24 hours if you book by telephone or within five or 10 minutes if you call into the Tjaereborg London office. None of that waiting for tickets until the *eve of the journey, which is* the cause of so many complaints.)

If Tjaereborg makes the breakthrough—and there is no reason to suppose the company will not do so—we will certainly see other tour companies following the direct-sell lead. At present no major company will take the risk of alienating the retail agents on whom they all depend so much.

For us, the purchasers of holidays, there will be stronger price competition and a wider choice of sales outlets. Travel agents who are nothing more than order takers for package tour companies will certainly suffer, but those who are able to provide a genuine service will survive and prosper. In this respect the retailers seem to have overlooked the opportunities for such service which are provided by the selling of Advance Purchase Charter air tickets and "add on" arrangements, and by the additional ground arrangements which may be created and sold in conjunction with the "Wanderer" and "Cheapie" type of holiday.

The travel agents who fear the future would do well to remember that although 3,700,000 package holidays were sold in 1976, well over 3,500,000 people chose independent holidays abroad in that year.

I do not know how much of this will be considered at the Lisbon convention, but all indications are that the association will close its ranks against the threat from the Office of Fair Trading to "Stabilizer" and the threat from Tjaereborg to its established way of selling holidays.

A tentative suggestion from ABTA that Tjaereborg's managing director should address the convention was withdrawn almost as soon as it was issued, but for me the most significant incident has been the treatment by the association of Tjaereborg's recent application for membership. The application was refused and Tjaereborg advised to re-apply after three months when the company would have "gained more experience" of United Kingdom trading!

When those three months have passed, I venture to suggest that Tjaereborg will not be the only ones to have "gained more experience", and as more months go by, November will come around again. And November, 1978, will bring another ABTA convention—this time in Torremolinos.

Now *that* could prove a most interesting affair . . .

John Carter

Gardening

House-hunting

The old arguments about greenhouses still go on—wood versus metal, glass versus plastic, solid fuel, paraffin, gas or electricity for heating. Emphasis shifts a little as costs of materials change. Time was when aluminium was very expensive for greenhouses; but as the cost of timber and the man power to fashion it into a greenhouse has inexorably increased over the years aluminium has become very competitive.

Frankly I would not waste time considering other materials, I would choose an aluminium house without hesitation. One should perhaps add a proviso that if the house is to take the form of a conservatory or lean-to structure adjoining some house of great age, timber-framed perhaps and of considerable architectural beauty, a teak or cedar or oak structure may be infinitely preferable to a metal one.

It is often objected that aluminium greenhouses are "unnatural" and that wooden houses are less obtrusive in the garden. Many people probably find this to be so and in an attempt to combine low maintenance with aesthetic acceptability Alton Glasshouses Ltd have now produced a green version of their aluminium glass to the ground "Dutch Light" type of house. The aluminium is first chromate treated to give enhanced resistance to corrosion and good paint adhesion. It is then coated with a long lasting green acrylic paint of an unobtrusive shade of dark green.

I have had one of these Alton houses for years and with its sliding doors and glass to the ground walls I have found it very satisfactory. There are, of course, wooden models, ordinary aluminium houses, still others coated with white acrylic paint in addition to these green models.

And this brings us once more to the question "Should we have glass to the ground or should we have brick or wooden sides up to the level of the staging? Or should we have half boarding up to the staging on one side and glass to the ground on the other?" Personally if I only had one or two small houses I would go for glass to the ground all round. We must face the fact that greenhouse heating costs by all types of fuel have gone up drastically in the past 20 years when I installed the first of my five small greenhouses. So it makes sense to have a house into which one can pack as many plants as possible—in two or even three layers.

There is much to be said for a house sited to run east to west with the door at the west end to have the wall along the north side half boarded and the south wall glass to the ground. Then you can plant tomatoes in a border alongside the south wall with staging along the rear wall and possibly shelving above that. Then you can use the space under the staging for storing gladiolus corms, begonia and dahlia tubers, even geranium and fuchsia plants in the winter. Or you can hang sacking or black plastic sheeting round it and force seakale or chicory in the dark.

There has been a certain amount of experimentation with the design of greenhouses lately and we have seen houses with from six to 12 sides. One of the latest is the Marley "Pavilion" a rather elegant nine sided structure with walls sloping outwards. It is 5ft to the eaves, 8ft 4in to the pointed dome, 6ft 5in diameter at the base and 7ft 2in at the eaves. The double doors open inwards and each wall and roof panel is supplied as a single sheet of glass cut to shape.

Ventilation is provided by means of eight low level louvre blades and a circular ventilator at the apex of the roof. Shelves may be slotted into place and there is integral staging. The house is built of aluminium tube, requiring no painting or maintenance. The basic price is £195 including VAT, with concrete foundation and three tier shelving extra.

The greenhouse market is highly competitive and if one shops around one can find wide variation in prices.

Among the leading manufacturers are Alton Glasshouses Ltd, PO Box 3, Bewdley, Worcestershire; Cambridge Glasshouse Co Ltd, Comberton, Cambridge; Edenlite Ltd, Hawksworth, Swindon, Wilts; Marley Greenhouses, Chantry Lane, Storrington, Sussex; Baco Leisure Products Ltd, Glebe Road, Huntingdon; Crittall-Hope Ltd, Braintree, Essex; Robert Hall & Co Ltd, Paddock Wood, Kent; Birmid Qualcast Home and Garden Equipment, Coleridge Street, Sunny Hill, Derby.

Now let us consider the relative merits of glass and plastic for greenhouses. Plastic sheeting or "envelopes" as they are called comes in various thicknesses. It is very light so that only a light relatively cheap framework is required for the house.

The plastic cover may with luck last three years, but I have had half a dozen plastic houses and the cover of several of them split in the middle of the third winter, I should have been strong-minded and put on new covers at the start of the third winter. If one is only growing plants that require no heat, it is perhaps not very serious if the plastic sheeting is ripped wide open in a gale. With luck the weather may be mild and first-aid repairs can be carried out until a new envelope can be fitted.

But if the house is heated and full of rather valuable plants one feels such a fool if it is ripped open by a freezing blizzard. With plastic houses you have to accept the risk of storm damage when the plastic ages and side-step trouble before it happens.

One tip, however: if you paint a three-inch strip of the plastic where it touches the metal supports with aluminium paint, this does help by reflecting hot sunlight to stop the plastic from becoming brittle so quickly. It is where the plastic is stretched over the supports that it usually cracks. You put this paint on outside, of course.

There has been considerable innovation recently with regard to garden frames and cloches. Presumably because of the high cost of materials, glass, rigid plastic panels, wood and metal, manufacturers, to keep prices down to an attractive level have too often produced small frames with metal or opaque plastic sides. These I do not like very much because I find plants tend to draw towards the light too much. Solid-sided frames, whether of brick, timber or even concrete I am all in favour of, but I would prefer to have a frame not less than about 4ft 6in by about 4ft.

Indeed I am still very much attached to Dutch lights, which are 4ft 7½in by 2ft 4½in and can be fitted with a single sheet of glass or covered with plastic.

There has also been a resurgence of interest in cloches and we have seen some weird and wonderful contraptions—some very complicated, others very simple. Tent, high and low barn cloches, of wire and glass are still available. There are tunnel type cloches of semi-rigid PVC clear plastic and the cheap polythene tunnels with wire hoops and securing wires. These last are excellent for hastening the growth of peas and beans, lettuces and carrots, strawberries and other crops.

When considering the various types of cloches remember that you are almost certain to wish to have access to the crop at various times, so ease of access is important. Plastic cloches are light and liable to blow away unless anchored in some way.

If the anchoring is effected by pushing metal or wooden legs into the soil this may be all right when the soil is wet. But if you have to lift cloches on and off strawberries at picking time and the soil is dry you may have difficulty in getting the legs back into the ground again. The long tunnel type with thin plastic that is just slid up between two wire hoops to give access is excellent.

Roy Hay

Chess

The case for going Dutch

The Anglo-Dutch match which was held last weekend at Elvetham Hall was, like most of its predecessors, a really tough and even struggle. The Dutch, with three grandmasters on their top boards, were at full strength and, though through no fault of their own two of our own grandmasters were missing, we still had a pretty good and representative team. Keene was unable to play because of the recent death of his father-in-law, and Stean was lost somewhere in Yugoslavia after having played in a tournament there.

This year's event, like those of recent years, benefited from the sponsorship of Sir Emanuel Kaye and the Lansing Bagnall firm of which he is the head. It seems most appropriate that a firm like Lansing Bagnall, which has had such a distinguished record in the matter of exports (for which it has received the Queen's award), should thus sponsor an international event in which this country is so intimately concerned.

We in England are fortunate to have this particular sponsorship, but, listening to the argosy-laden talk of the Dutch with reference to their own prolific and rich sponsorships, I must confess that I turned a vivid shade of green with envy. Their banks and insurance firms seem to vie with each other in this field. The recent grandmaster tournament at Tilburg, which cost about £25,000, was sponsored by an assurance firm called Interpolis. It was this tournament which the world champion, Karpov, won and in which his chief rival was our own Tony Miles, who finished up an excellent second above a whole pride of strong grandmasters.

I learnt these financial details from the captain of the Dutch team, who suggested that it would be a good idea to have a match between their top board, the highly talented grandmaster Jan Timman, and our top board, Tony Miles. He suggested a match of 12 games, six to be played in this country and six in Holland.

He foresaw no difficulty in getting a firm to sponsor the Dutch side of the match and suggested we could get similar sponsorship for the English part of the event. Well, this is obviously a highly desirable contest and I hereby announce that I am ready to receive offers of such sponsorship as soon as is convenient.

As for the match between England and The Netherlands, this turned out to be one of the most exciting and best contested struggles in the history of Anglo-Dutch chess. I have played in a number of these matches and been present at still more in some capacity or other, and in none was the quality of play and the stirring clash of ideas higher than this one. In the first round (it was a double-round contest) the Dutch struck the first successful blow when Jan Timman won an incisive game on top board against Miles, but this was soon redeemed by the former European Junior champion, John Nunn, who scored an equally decisive victory over his experienced grandmaster opponent, Donner.

With Webb and Bellin both losing their games, the advantage swung right over to the Dutch, and though Mestel won a spirited game against the international master Ree, the Dutch emerged victors of the day by 5½—4½.

So on the Sunday the English team started off the second round with the handicap of one point. At first and for some time it looked as though the English side were going to suffer a still greater defeat as Mestel lost to Ree and the English junior, Taulbot, who had done so well in the British Championship at Brighton, where he came second, was beaten by Janssen.

Speelman somewhat restored matters by a good win against Hartoch, but on adjournment the English team needed to win no fewer than three games out of three to win the match, and to acquire 2½ points in order to draw it. With Hartston seemingly losing to Sosonko both these possibilities looked unlikely. But he stuck grimly to his task and eventually Sosonko was constrained to offer a draw. Jana Hartston was clearly winning on the ladies' board, and with Ligterink weakening suddenly against Bellin, we arrived at our draw after much incident and tribulation.

The following game was played on Board Three in the first round of the match.

White: Donner.
Black: Nunn.
Q. P. Modern Benoni Defence:

1 P-Q4 Kt-KB3
2 P-QB4 P-B4
3 P-Q5 P-K3
4 Kt-QB3 PxP
5 PxP P-Q3
6 Kt-B3 P-KKt3
7 P-K4 B-Kt2
8 B-K2 O-O
9 O-O R-K1
10 Q-B2

More popular nowadays is 10 Kt-Q2.

10 ... Kt-R3
11 B-KB4 B-Kt5
12 P-KR3 BxKt

Better than 12 ... Kt-QKt5; 13 Q-Q2, when Black's Kt will be forced to retreat by an eventual P-QR3.

13 BxB Q-Kt3

A strong move: White was threatening Kt-Kt5 and in any case Black wants to play Kt-Q2-K4 and therefore seeks to defend the QP laterally.

14 P-R3 P-B5
15 Kt-R4 Q-B2
16 Kt-B3 Q-Q1
17 B-K2 QR-B1
18 KR-K1

Preventing an immediate Kt-B4 on account of 19 BxBP, when the KP is defended.

18 ... P-QKt4
19 B-Kt1 Kt-B4
20 QR-Q1 P-QR4
21 P-K5 PxP
22 BxKP

A simpler way of maintaining equality was by 22 KxP which leads to exchanges and avoids complications.

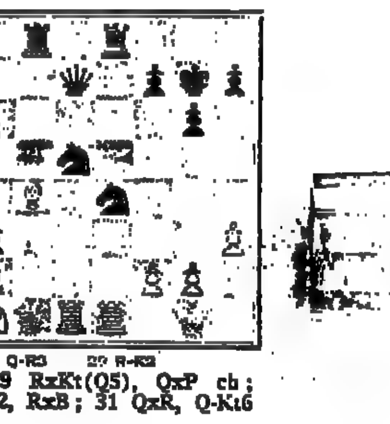
22 ... P-Kt5
23 PxP PxP
24 Kt-Kt1 Kt(B4)-K5
25 B-Q4 ?

He should have played for the draw by 25 BxKt, P-Kt6; 26 QxKt, RxQ; 27 RxR, BxB; 28 BxP, and then, after the exchange of the QKtPs a clear draw would result.

25 ... P-Kt6
26 Q-B1 KtxQP
27 BxB KxB
28 BxP

A better chance of the draw was 28 R-Q4, Q-B4; 29 P-B3 and White wins the QBP though Black's advantage would persist.

Position after 28 BxP



28 ... Q-R3
29 R-K2

Or 29 RxKt(Q5), QxP ch; 30 K-R2, RxB; 31 QxR, Q-Kt6 ch, etc.

29 ... Q-B4
30 Kt-R3

If 30 Kt-Q2, Kt(Q4)-B3 winning a piece.

30 ... Kt-Kt3
31 Q-B4 KtxB
Resigns

Because of 32 RxKt, RxR; 33 QxR, KtxP; 34 R-R1, R-Q1 with such threats as Kt-Q6 and Kt-Q8.

Harry Golombek

Bridge

Chance can be a fine thing

Bridge has been compared to life by various authors including W. Somerset Maugham who found that both games demand the same qualities—clear-headedness, prudence and shrewd speculation. A readiness to seize a chance is what makes for success, and it is mystifying why the bridge authorities and writers are constantly advertising new ways of eliminating those gambles which make up the game's principal attraction.

Twenty or more years ago the French had the bright idea of staging a tournament in which international masters were partnered by beginners with whom they had never played, and of whom no one had ever heard in the world of bridge. It was a popular competition in the early spring at Monte Carlo and would have endured for many years, had it not been for the publicity given to American conventions which exhausted the supply of players who confined their bridge to the family circle.

As you may imagine, the expert always tried to play the dummy when he held a freak hand, and one of the more exciting slam contracts would not have been reached if two internationals had not been guilty of what used to be known in the nursery as "showing off". The rot set in after South had elected to make an unconventional jump bid which suggested to his amateur partner that he really had some tricks in addition to a long suit, though whether he made a jump bid by accident or design I was never told.

No score: dealer North:

North: ♠ 5 4 3 ♡ A Q 4 2 ♢ — ♣ A Q 9 8 5 3
West: ♠ A K 10 9 8 2 ♡ — ♢ 10 9 4 2 ♣ K 8 4
East: ♠ Q 8 7 ♡ 8 3 ♢ A K Q 8 7 6 5 ♣ 10
South: ♠ J ♡ K J 10 9 7 6 5 ♢ J 3 ♣ J 7 2

North	East	South	West
1 Club	2 Diamonds	3 Hearts	4 Spades
5 Diamonds	6 Clubs	6 Hearts	6 Spades
Double	No	7 Hearts	Double
No	No	No	

North had been coached by his partner in the meaning of forcing bids and knew enough to show his void in diamonds combined with strong support for Hearts. The expert East was determined not to be outdone by South and decided that by suggesting a void in Clubs when he (actually held a singleton), he would deter South from saving a small slam in Spades by a bid of Seven Hearts. How mistaken he was! South was determined at any price to conceal his misleading jump bid on a trickless hand, and he received great help when West doubled his grand slam. Now all depended on the opening lead.

West was an innocent who trusted his partner. He toyed first with the ♠A and then with the ♢10; at this critical moment he asked for the bidding to be repeated. It then dawned upon him that East had announced control of Clubs, so he carefully selected the ♣8. South, in fear and trembling, finessed; after drawing trumps and one more finesse in clubs he was home with the top score, receiving later a most handsome prize. The result bore out the truth of what Maugham had written—that if the expert East had merely raised his partner without attempting to deceive his opponents West would have bid Seven Spades instead of Double, with the chance of making the grand slam on North's lead.

In the same way as the player who has been dealt a seven-card major suit chooses to make a preemptive bid at the three level in the belief that it will deter his opponents from finding a slam, a defender makes a counter-move by bidding No trumps as a demand for his partner's best suit. In general, the preemption is unsuccessful, although the conventional meaning attached to No trumps in this circumstance often deprives the defenders of their most convenient contract. However, an opening Three Spades can be effective where opponents who hold all, or almost all, the missing honour cards cannot decide whether to contract for a small or a grand slam. I came across a good example recently.

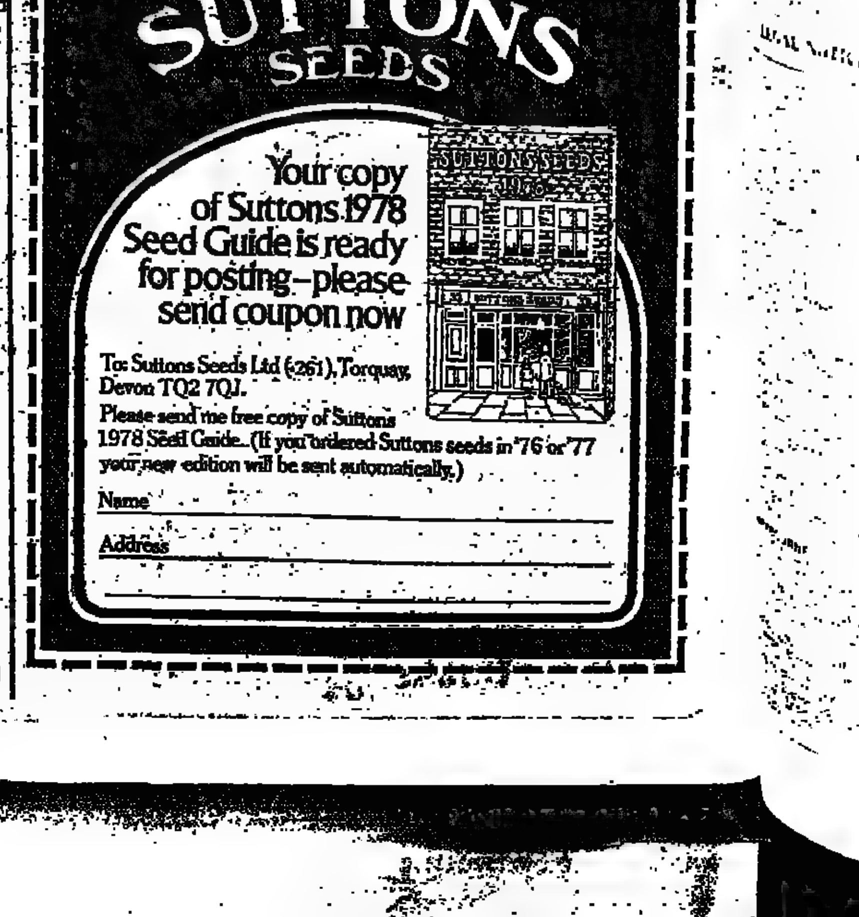
No score; dealer West:

North: ♠ A Q ♡ 2 ♢ A K Q J 4 ♣ A J 8 6 2
West: ♠ K J 10 7 6 4 3 ♡ 7 6 ♢ 8 7 3 ♣ 9
East: ♠ 8 5 2 ♡ Q 10 8 3 ♢ 10 9 6 2 ♣ K 3
South: ♠ 9 ♡ A K J 9 5 4 ♢ 5 ♣ Q 10 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
3 Spades	4 No trumps	No	7 Clubs
No	No	No	

North South had arranged to play the Acol system where Three No Trumps over an opening Three bid is employed as a demand for partner's best suit. With his singleton heart North appreciated the unsuitability of this counter-bid and decided to show his exceptional strength by bidding Four No trumps, which he hoped that his partner would interpret as an invitation to a slam in one of the minors. South took his meaning, but assumed that North must hold at least two ace-kings with control of spades; he therefore bid Seven Clubs with considerable confidence, only to find the ♣K missing from his partner's hand and ill-placed. This merely illustrates how accurately bridge can reflect situations in life when logic combined with daring are insufficient for success unless they are infused with a measure of caution.

Edward Mayer



Collecting

Shopping at the museum

When we are in London, my wife and I enjoy shopping at Harrods and looking at decorative art at the Victoria and Albert Museum. These two pastimes become a bit confused recently after many years of uncomplicated enjoyment. We saved the V & A for the last afternoon before our departure and, after more than an hour, emerged, as if from Harrods, laden with packages of Christmas cards, books, and assorted goodies. Neither of us had actually set foot in any part of the museum except the large shop near the entrance hall where once new acquisitions were shown.

I had a momentary sense of guilt over the episode but had forgotten it until, arriving home, I began to read my accumulated mail. Among the weight of unsolicited mail-order catalogues which have become a feature of life in America, one thick brochure was from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Offering a range of items to put the V & A to shame, nearly everything needed to sustain life can be ordered with the exception of major appliances and food. The western hemisphere's greatest art museum is selling dinner services, glassware, pillows, clothing for men and women, jewelry, belts, ties and a wide variety of paper goods, picture books and cook-books.

For months I have been vaguely aware of advertisements in magazines and newspapers urging the message: "Do your shopping at the Met". Now the mail-order catalogue with its tempting display has reawakened my sense of unease over the V & A episode and has opened a Pandora's Boxful of questions about the whole phenomenon of museum merchandising.

It might be appropriate to ask, first of all, whether such commercial activity by *museums is ethical* (or *legal*). However, a possible prior question: "Is it necessary?" would make such concerns academic. Yet, necessary or not, one should want to know how such activity is visually educational—how it affects the museum's essential purpose.

To me, it seems self-evident that massive commercial activity by a non-profit, tax-exempt institution is somehow suspect. Auctions, bazaars or even gambling may sometimes be acceptable means of fund-raising for charity but they are essentially different in kind from the continuous operation of a competitive business, however noble the charitable cause it supports. In fact, the United States has tax laws for non-profit institutions concerning income derived from unrelated business activities. Of course, the crucial word is *unrelated*—a matter of interpretation.

By any interpretative standard, however, the Metropolitan Museum must now be classed as a major retailer. The last annual report showed gross revenues from its business divisions at nearly $14m (about one-half its total budget) with a surprisingly small profit of about $1m. and $1,500,000. *This* phase of the museum's activity has, in fact, become so important that, over much opposition, the trustees have decided to create a new position above that of the director, who has always been a distinguished art world figure—a businessman-administrator with the title of president. Both positions are now vacant and much speculation evolves about who will be asked and who will accept either one.

Of course, whether what the *Met is doing in its* large scale retail operations is ethical or even legal in our free-market society will not be decided by critics and journalists. The question has at least been asked and the tax men or even the courts may have, ultimately, to decide. It certainly will be argued that no other course of survival is available today to this kind of cultural institution. Yet, it is a widely reported and well-known fact that both corporate and government financial support for museums in *the United States* is now available on an immense scale, supporting with generous subventions extended hours of opening and the expenses of almost every major exhibition which is shown these days.

One cannot help wondering whether the same intensity of energy now devoted to "tending the store" might not produce much more if devoted to developing some of these other sources of support.

But perhaps it is not only being done for financial survival. The justification may also be educational value. Reaching out to the public to attract it to the museum to promote art and good taste. The aim of improving taste by judicious models is an old one, very Victorian and moralistic, indeed, the "raison d'etre" for the V & A itself and, to a lesser extent, also the Met. Do the catalogues and the shop carry the message of great art from the museum to the public? Here is an argument that needs careful attention. This is a tricky area, full of traps and false signposts with code-words like "elitist" to mislead the unwary.

What actually happens in a museum? Remember the visit my wife and I made to the V & A. Although we are both experienced museum visitors, we got no farther than the shop, in spite of our good intentions. Does this happen often? Do we count in museum attendance figures? What then do such figures mean? On that occasion, we certainly escaped the experience of a single work of original art.

In the case of the Met, these days the process of deflecting or even thwarting the experience of art can be severe. I am told by friends on the museum staff that busloads of school children, suburban ladies and assorted other groups are daily disgorged on Fifth Avenue in front of the great staircase. Their behaviour pattern seems to be a fast 30 minutes in the exhibition galleries and a happy two or three hours in the shops and restaurant.

Once inside the shops, what do they see? What is the quality of the experience? *Most* of the items are actual reproductions of small artifacts and decorative wares. A second category consists of adaptations, not reproductions; a silk scarf with a design *adapted* from a Chinese plate; a tie, with its motif taken from Turkish pottery; a canvas tote-bag with Egyptian figures printed on its side; a pillow shaped like a mummy; a birthday calendar book in which to inscribe one's private reminders alongside the birthdays of famous artists (July 9—Orazio Gentileschi *and David Hockney*).

Other objects for sale are so-called "original designs" made especially for the museum by someone called Sandra Mayer; a "snowflake" pendant or "Christmas star" earrings in 24ct gold electroplated on silver ($22.50).

Several of the reproductions of antiquities—a Chinese jade horse and a medieval ivory box, for example, are produced in a material identified as "polymer" which looks and feels rather like soap. Some *objects are cast in bronze* which at least approximates the material of the original, but occasionally you can have your choice, ie, pewter or silver ($18.50 or $250.00) for a small object, the original of which is owned by one of the trustees.

On the whole, the art objects chosen to be reproduced for the shop and the catalogue are minor undistinguished examples of their types. The quality of reproduction varies widely—most of the jewelry and small sculpture are not superior to widely available gift-shop versions of similar things. The porcelain and glassware, produced by commercial manufacturers on order for the museum are excellent, very expensive but comparable to a much wider range of nearly identical reproductions sold by, among others, Tiffany's (run by Walter Hoving, father of the famous Thomas who started the Met on this *course*).

A page from the catalogue of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Of the clothes, and their merit either educational or sartorial, I am not competent to judge. I can only report that this year the theme is Russian. Babushkas, high-necked shirts, peasant dresses predominate against only one Japanese style wrap-around kimono (for men and women, one size fits all). A few timely accessories are offered by the museum including a black satin evening bag with a gilt metal decoration representing the winged Egyptian goddess Nut (from somewhere in Tutankhamun's tomb, we are not told where).

I think by now readers of this piece will have caught on that the educational reward in all this is nil. It is sheer profit that inspires this slick miscellany of dishonest souvenirs. That a great art museum should encourage its audience to look at and to own some of these objects which are travesties and perversions of originals is shocking. But even if the reproductions and "adaptations" were of highest quality, should an art museum be in the business at all of deflecting our attention away from the genuine to the imitation?

On the matter of the museum's financial need, Roland Redmond, its former president and now trustee emeritus, in a letter to fellow trustees opposing the idea of a businessman-president, points out that the Met's swollen budgets come precisely from the cost of those new business ventures which are then in turn justified by the need for money, a catch-22 situation. The museum has borrowed large sums from its endowment to build a commercial parking garage, to build a still further enlarged multi-storied shop in the great entrance hall and its balance-sheet currently lists nearly five million dollars (at cost) in "inventory" of the junk I described above.

The whole affair is now so ludicrous, so inspired by Alice-in-Wonderland logic that, while a few intelligent dissenting voices have been raised in the press it is incredible that an avalanche of anger has not hit the trustees for their relentless efforts to bring moneychangers into one of the few temples of civilization left on our shores.

In England, you are not immune to such destructive philistine tactics in the name of popularism. Be alert that great art collections have managers who really care about art and when bringing art to the people, let it be the real thing.

Eugene V. Thaw

The author is a leading American dealer in Old Masters.

THE ARTS

Factory Birds
Warehouse

Irving Wardle

Here is a report from the industrial frontline by a new playwright who knows his business.

With no key speeches and no departures from the shop floor, James Robson translates the theme of daily frustration into a great explosion of pent-up rage. Like Arnold Wesker's *The Kitchen*, the text does not look much on paper, but in the hands of Bill Alexander's company it takes off like a rocket.

"Nothing much here" remarks the works manager, hurrying through with a visitor, "a number of extremely simple operations." And don't the boys know it, clocking in every day to produce another consignment of hen-house cleaners. With no hopes of escape, they take it out on their prison, defying the rhythm of the machines with Cup Final roars and brute sexual invitation aimed at the row of secretaries enthroned at their typewriters behind an invisible sheet of glass. Nobody draws the comparison, but the scene suggests a zoo, with a nervous foreman sticking his nose in like a lionkeeper asking the boys to "crack on", and the girls superciliously staring down through the bars of the cage. Periodically, the inmates abandon their starved, violent Yorkshire dialect, and regress to idiot repetition and bird squawks.

There is good reason for the four heavy lathes and work-benches of Mary Moore's set, *as they give realist* anchorage to an emphatically non-naturalistic piece of writing. Mr Robson presents in the most concentrated form the group obsessions of the defeated working-class male, and the result is narrower, more passionate, and more ritualized than any actual light engineering factory would be likely to offer. Labour relations never enter Mr Robson's world at all, apart from management's manifest lack of contact with the workers. The play restricts itself to demonstrating the destructiveness of human energy when it is denied a proper outlet.

Two characters are singled out from the group: Evie, the unspoiled pin-up of the typing pool; and Nazzer, the maritally embittered leader of the roaring boys. I rather regret the assault on Evie, as Mr Robson is clearly capable of making his point without introducing an unsolved melodrama. But Nazzer is a fearsomely credible embodiment of loud-mouthed despair, played by a red-eyed Roger Rees with wild physical inventiveness and maximum concentration on the derisive gutter wit of the character rather than direct aggression. The choreography of the show, as the boys leap like gibbons round the machines and compel the girls to walk a phallic gauntlet on the way to the tea wagon, is quite a thing to watch; although nothing quite matches the last minute outpouring of beast language from the previously taciturn Hilton McRae.

Odd Man Out
Thames

Alan Coren

Be not afraid of effeminacy. Some men are born effeminate, some achieve effeminacy, and some have effeminacy thrust upon them. And if you are lucky enough to ring all three bells, chances are you could end up with your own series, in which scriptwriters unprepared to put in a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, would offer you jokes about having effeminacy thrust upon you. Your response would then be to dig deep into your repertoire of mince, pout and giggle and, so contort your innocent face as to bring shrieks of laughter from the cans brought along in the back of the producer's van.

The recent career of John Inman cannot but fill the simple soul with gloom. One could forgive him for stealing *Are You Being Served?*, since the major crime was not the theft but the show itself, but how can one forgive him for agreeing to mouth the scripts of this new abomination? I hold no personal grudge against Mr Inman, but does he not owe us some explanation for his part in dragging situation comedy to such an appalling new low? True, the show is nothing but a vehicle for Mr Inman, and he and I both know that that vehicle is a bandwagon which has to be grabbed, but surely he could have held out for a better bandwagon?

His star is, after all, on what his scriptwriter would doubtless call the rise, and he can therefore bargain from a position of strength. Does Mr Inman not want to deliver better lines than "I've decided to scrub my nuptials", and "What about my emoluments, they're not big enough", and "He might want to see your assets", which are not only all the same grisly gag, but also the same as every other grisly gag ground out on Thursday?

Merely being gay may have done for a cheap laugh in his last series, but should he not not build upon that single characteristic, pop another dimension or two on to its skinny frame?

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An intimate tribute by Sadruddin Aga Khan on the centenary of his father's birth

The Aga Khan: from Curzon to Hitler, a man always at the centre of history

My father, the late Aga Khan, was born 100 years ago on November 2. Though he died in 1957 at the turn of what Winston Churchill aptly termed "this tormented half-century", few today can separate reality from myth when looking back on his long and active life.

To many in the West he remains the religious leader who was weighed against precious stones, the race-horse owner who won five Derbys or the man whose eldest son, Aly Khan, once married Rita Hayworth.

For those who are more familiar with the East he was the most gifted hereditary religious leader or forty-eighth Imam of some 12 million Ismaili Shia Muslims who are to be found from the Great Wall of China to the southern tip of Africa, a direct descendant of Prophet Mohammed and a true believer in the precepts of Islam.

Students of history or the older generations may recall the Aga Khan as a statesman who was received by Queen Victoria in 1898, became the youngest member of Lord Curzon's Indian Legislative Council in 1902, presided the Muslim League from 1906 until 1912 and led the Muslim deputation to the Round Table Conference in 1930 which paved the way for the independence of the sub-continent.

In addition, 1937 saw him preside over the ill-fated League of Nations when he later visited Hitler in Berchtesgaden in a last-ditch effort to avert war.

For me, of course, he was all of these things and many more. It remains challenging but essential for the son of any great father to do away with the labels which are inevitably attached by history to the public figures of our time and to attempt an impartial assessment. This I hope to do in a book some day.

My father was first and foremost a deeply religious man who had no difficulty in integrating an active political and social life and everything it entailed in terms of formality and obligations in the post-Victorian era, with the close communion with God which is the aspiration of every practising Muslim.

The older staff at the Ritz in London or the Swiss strolling in front of the Hotel de Russie in Geneva in the thirties, might recall the Aga Khan facing Mecca at prayer time on one of the balconies, completely oblivious to the stares of surprised bystanders. Muslims who journey westward are no longer the exotic objects of interest which they were in those days.

It was this Islamic sense of unity in all forms of life which confirmed my father's faith in a God-governed order. He achieved a synthesis which enabled him to conciliate his faith in the Almighty as well as in Darwin's theory of the origin of the species which swept across Europe in his youth and generated such heated debate.

It was difficult for him to separate what he called proto-religion and protoscience: they made their journey like two streams, sometimes mingling, sometimes separating but running side by side. For him Marxism was a religion where matter is the supreme power.

He sought the company of scientists since the time when, against orthodox medical opinion, he had himself inoculated publicly at the age of 20 during the Bombay epidemic of bubonic plague in 1897. This prompted others to follow and many lives were saved as a result.

I have not forgotten his heated conversations with Professor Leakey in Nairobi when the first discoveries of the earliest remains of man were made in the Rift Valley, or his exchanges with Professors Bogomolets or Niehans on longevity.

My father was a pragmatist when it came to politics. His main concern was the welfare and development of his community and as such, he deliberately chose to work closely with the administering power in the countries where the Ismailis lived. In 1914 and again in 1939, he resolutely threw in his lot with the British and spared no effort to ensure that Muslims everywhere should fight alongside the allies.

This nearly cost him his life in 1917 when the German secret service sought to assassinate him in Lucerne. This left him unshaken and he never chose to have any form of personal protection.

His optimistic faith in man and his desire to avert war had caused him to be swayed in the early Thirties by those of his friends—including the Clivden set—who advocated appeasement in the face of the mounting Nazi threat.

He thus mistakenly chose to support the Munich settlement and said so in a much criticised article in *The Times*. It was with a sense of bitter disappointment, therefore, that he vigorously denounced Hitler's aggression and at once issued a strong manifesto urging his followers to give their fullest support to Britain. This was the aim of his visit to India in 1939-40 when he persistently campaigned in favour of British war aims and endeavoured to act as an intermediary with Reza Shah of Persia.

His foresight in other spheres of political analysis was positively uncanny, however: long before the word "Commonwealth" came into use, my father advocated, at the beginning of the century, the creation, under British inspiration and guidance, of a South Asian federation of self-governing states extending from the Malaysian peninsula to the confines of Egypt.

A great figure of the turf: the Aga Khan at the races with his eldest son Aly Khan

When the First World War ended, he endorsed the building up of a Federal Union of Arab States and Turkey with a single defence force and a united foreign policy. This could have achieved practical results in the security and stability of the Middle East far transcending, in my father's words, "anything that the makeshift, haphazard policies of the years since the end of the conflict and particularly piecemeal withdrawal of political suzerainty by Britain have been able to effect".

While working for independence, he was concerned about the post-colonial vacuum and big-power rivalry in the Muslim world following the break up of political entities through nationalism and violent change.

My father abhorred injustice and fought actively for both human and civil rights at a time when it was hardly a fashionable pursuit. He resigned from the exclusive St Cloud golf club near Paris when some members objected to Sugar Ray Robinson—the black boxer—playing on the links. In Aix-les-Bains, one day, he rebuffed the pompous head-waiter of the Hotel Splendide who refused to seat a large group of Senegalese students and promptly invited them to a three-star lunch.

He was deeply shocked by the ruthless and arrogant discrimination practised by whites in America, India and China. During his visit to China in 1906, he remarked: "Within the foreign settlements the general attitude towards the Chinese was little short of outrageous. All the better hotels refused them entry. From European clubs they were totally excluded. We hear a great deal about the colour bar in South Africa today. In China, in the early years of this century, the colour bar was rigidly imposed—not least offensively in discrimination against officials of the very government whose guests, under international law, all foreigners were supposed to be. Is it any wonder that the Chinese intelligentsia long retained bitter memories of this attitude?"

Absolute power, if unenlightened, was equally despised: my father's comments on the Qajar Shah Musafaraddin—to whom he was closely related—are indicative in this respect: "He exhibited, in an especially lucid light, all the dangers of the old-fashioned autocratic oriental monarchy. However incompetent, silly, or criminal such a despot was, not one of the able and intelligent statesmen of the world around him ever stood up to him and told him the truth about himself. The mysterious prestige surrounding kingship and the blood of kings induced a kind of mental paralysis even in good and sincere men, so that they were quite unable—in the interests of their king and their country, even in their own interest—to give true advice and guidance."

For my father, education was understandably a priority and his community exemplifies the success of his policies. Ismaili men and women, the latter among the first to shed the veil, are well equipped in this respect. Ismaili institutions have provided a network of social, economic and cultural amenities which are unrivalled in many developing countries. These were made possible to a great extent by the wise administration of funds raised in connection with the traditional jubilee weighing ceremonies.

The community took up the lion's share of my father's time and attention. This was—as he put it—his job. Thousands of Ismailis were received every year and those who did not meet their Imam individually were in contact with him when he visited their countries. He was highly accessible and seldom left a letter unanswered.

And yet he found time for journeys to centres of art and culture and I recall the importance he attached to my visiting the great museums of Europe. He owned no collections of his own, cared little about the decor of his residences and spent a great deal of time in hotels—but loved the opera and the ballet. Serge Lifar, the great Russian dancer, will never forget the time when my father gave him a considerable contribution in cash—wrapped in newspaper—to get his company out of financial doldrums.

If greatness there was, during his long and active life, then it rested on an oddly balanced mixture of Islamic faith and philosophy and Western logic and science born out of the industrial revolution; it allowed for reform and vision in both thought and action and, in retrospect, would seem to disclaim Kipling's famous pronouncement, as my father was truly the product of a meeting between East and West.

A centenary is a time to pause, look back and establish a link between the prologue of the past and the realities of today.

My father undoubtedly left a deep and meaningful imprint on the Ismaili community and the Muslim world. In addition, he contributed in no small way to shape the course of recent history.

But for me, his message remains that of a tolerant and loving father, always at peace with himself, particularly in sickness and when life ebbed away, convinced, in his own words, that he "experienced moments of enlightenment and of knowledge of a kind which we cannot communicate because it is something given and not something acquired".

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George Hutchinson

The miners may save Mr Callaghan if they do not sink him

Miners rule, OK? If the slogan has not yet appeared before our eyes, chalked up in huge letters or more probably spray-painted in the modern manner, the thought is already present in many minds. It is an uncomfortable one. Must the impression—or the belief or the fear—become a reality?

This is certainly Mr Scargill's hope and intention if we are to define his bold ambition as a determination to impose the will of the NUM on the Government. Lacking titular supremacy, Arthur Scargill is nevertheless the most influential and intelligent of the union's leaders. He has become a formidable political figure.

If Mr Callaghan were to succumb to the demand, the miners would indeed have ruled—and ruling then would no doubt continue to rule as opportunity offered. But Mr Callaghan cannot afford to surrender. Nor can the nation afford to let him surrender. If he gives way, we all give way not only to the appalling rise in the cost of living that would follow but to a further diminution of public authority. These are painful prospects to contemplate.

What can the Prime Minister do? He has little choice. Mr Callaghan's only immediate course is to encourage negotiations with as much patience and care as he can summon up, hoping that the NUM may be persuaded to reconsider, revise and moderate a claim which the Government could not concede in its existing magnitude or dimensions. Having said that, it is difficult to envisage any modification calculated to satisfy the miners without destroying the pay code.

Fresh force now to the debate

Their demand has been pitched so high that even cut in half it would still gravely exceed "permitted" limits—a phrase which at once returns us to a familiar debate. I mean the debate in which one side maintains that an incomes policy without statutory force is useless because the "voluntary" principle is unfair and ineffectual in application, and exhortation is no substitute for law. If the debate has lately become rather subdued, it can now be expected to take on a new lease under the provocation of the miners' action.

Meanwhile we are reminded of the selfsame period in 1973, which led up to the ill-judged and ill-fated election of February 1974. The events of that dismal time come readily to mind, and were in some respects similar. But there are important differences.

Arthur Scargill: a victory for which party?

For one thing, the Heath Government was fairly widely mistrusted within the trade union movement. The Tories were accused of being "anti-union", and of wishing to "tame" the miners. The charge may have been unjust and mistaken, but it strongly affected national sentiment.

Four years ago, moreover, there was much public sympathy with the miners and support for their claims. This same cannot be said today. If they were to persist, and ultimately to strike they would surely forfeit what little good-will remained to them outside the coalfields.

Nor do I believe that Mr Callaghan would be inviting certain defeat if, in the event of a strike, he felt obliged to put the issue to the test of a general election. In those conditions there are many who would think it "safer" — or less chancy — to return a Labour Government than to entrust a settlement to the Tories. The reasoning might be at fault, but it would influence the vote.

The dangers are not peculiar to one party. Both are at risk. The Tories would be reckless to assume that electoral fortune was bound to follow from national *misfortune*.

Not long ago, Mr Scargill was predicting a Tory victory at the next election. In the absence of industrial upheaval and dislocation on the scale to which his own actions may lead, the prophecy would no doubt be fulfilled. But if the worst should happen he might well be proved wrong. He might yet succeed in rescuing Mr Callaghan and robbing Mrs Thatcher.

This attachment to the bizarre in Judith Rossner

Judith Rossner's immensely successful last novel, *Looking for Mr Goodbar*, was about a young teacher who spent her nights in New York singles bars, and was murdered. *Attachments*, out this week, is about two close friends who marry Siamese twins, joined by the abdomen. This concern with the bizarre and the horrific denotes neither a love of sensation nor a greediness for making money, Judith Rossner insists. It is simply that novels have always dealt with the extremes of life, and as life becomes more bizarre and horrific, so fiction keeps a pace ahead.

And yet it is not easy for a reader to move beyond the material. The fact is, and she is the first to agree, having thought a great deal about the implications of using it, that *Goodbar* was so successful because sexual violence is powerful. And *Attachments* has made its way into the American best seller lists (in less than two months) at least partly because such an immediately repellent subject is also attractive, particularly when the author is as unsqueamish about the physical details of life as Judith Rossner.

To read the book at all one has to stop wondering why she chose to write about, in her words, "freaks" and pass beyond them to what it is about—the theme of separation and attachment in relationships. The symbolism in the use of twins joined physically to each other, and later surgically separated, surely carries this theme to absurdity, yet it does not intrude in a book which is almost as funny and touching as *Goodbar* was.

Judith Rossner is 42, an unmannered and slightly self-mocking woman with frizzy hair and a long face which she tilts upward. She writes novels because she is, she says, too wordy for short stories, and that precisely what she likes doing is making mountains out of molehills.

She dropped out of New York City College when she was 19, since she was already writing and working, and something had to go. She tried publishing, but gave it up when she found she was using the same energy that went into her writing. She became a secretary instead, a job she has returned to ever since when she has needed the money.

After 17 years of marriage she left her husband and planned to support herself for a while by writing a piece for a women's issue of *Esquire* about a teacher of deaf and dumb children, whose murder in New York revealed a muddled and lonely double life. The man who had murdered her was awaiting trial, so the project became fiction and turned into *Mr Goodbar*, crystallized by a car accident in which she fell asleep at the wheel and was badly burnt. "I started thinking about the question of responsibility for one's own fate", she says. *Mr Goodbar* is about just that responsibility.

Photograph by Brian Harris

In the late 1950s she read about Siamese twins in America who had married two sisters. "What interests me is why people are so repelled when, after all, everyone started life attached. In a sense the twins have never been born because they are still tied by an umbilical cord."

Attachments is not really about freakishness: it is about loneliness, and about the relationship between the two wives. "Relationships between women—daughters, mothers, friends—are one of my strong interests", she says.

Judith Rossner sees herself as a pure novelist, and says that she tries hard to get clear of all facts, that she makes a pompous and pretentious journalist, and that only fiction gives her the cover she needs. For her next book, set in the nineteenth century, she wanted the real dates of a certain character. She searched three cemeteries for a tombstone. When she was sure the dates were not to be found she felt "free as a bird". "Now", she says with obvious relish, "I can make them up."

She is a disciplined writer—or so she says friends tell her, comparing her to other authors—working three hours a day at the start of a book, and building up to a crescendo of 16-18 hours at its peak. She did four and a half drafts for *Attachments*. Because her previous books have now established her, she can afford not to mind quite so much if people do not like every word she writes. She says her life now is as close to perfection as she can imagine it: two children, a house near New York (called Journey's End when she found it) bought with the proceeds of *Goodbar*, and money to do what she wants, which is to write.

Caroline Moorehead

Local radio: a better chance coming to tune in

When Lord Annan and his team of broadcasting futurologists were at work, they were accused by a number of people who complained that the way in which the BBC and IBA organized British radio and television resembled a feud between Montagues and Capulets.

The eventual Annan response may have seemed as something of a plague on both houses, recommending the creation of two new authorities, one to administer the fourth television channel, the other to run local radio.

The next political move is not expected until January and the odds are now shortening on a decision to do nothing for the time being about the fourth channel and to sidestep Annan's proposed Local Broadcasting Authority.

The growing likelihood of a thumbs-down to the LBA—designed to take over the organization of all local broadcasting throughout the United Kingdom—will add an extra significance to the celebrations in Leicester on Monday to mark next week's tenth anniversary of BBC Radio Leicester, the first of the post-war generation of local radio stations. In a sense, what happened a decade ago in Leicester (accompanied by the modern tribute of a bomb scare), marked the completion of the broadcasting full circle.

Forty-five years before, there had been other local BBC stations, the best-known among them 2LO in London, with 5IT in Birmingham and 2ZY in Manchester.

By now, therefore, local radio ought to be available to virtually every definable community in the country. Instead of laying bets on whether the next stations will be in Truro or Coventry, the broadcasters should be preparing, for example, to open up a range of urban community stations. Local radio ought to be built in to new towns along with the power and water supplies; areas of London like Lewisham and Brixton could be providing an ideal setting for "precinct" radio stations able to confront urgent social problems; at the closest possible range. Full time broadcasting services for immigrant communities should by now be high on the priority list.

Before that happens there are geographical gaps to be filled in the local radio map. But if, as seems likely, a decision is made in January to allow the BBC and IBA to take only a small step forward, it will be familiar stuff for the local broadcasters.

They have been the victims of consecutive political decisions which leave London with three stations, places like Sheffield with two, yet Bristol only one. While there is a local radio station in Carlisle there is none in Cardiff.

While it is possible to hear radio Derby in Birmingham, it is not always possible to tune in to Radio Birmingham inside its own city limits. Not surprisingly, Annan's pronouncement on this untidy scene—"local radio is in a mess"—received general support.

Lord Annan gave both organizations a draft specification of his own in this year's Fleming lecture: "If ever there are centres which need local radio, they are Ullapool, Oban and Dolgellau." There are, as yet, no signs of a rush in those particular directions.

What has happened, in the face of the Annan Committee's proposed LBA, is that both BBC and IBA (which entered the local radio scene in 1973), have drafted development plans aimed at expanding the existing 39-strong group of stations into a nationwide network of 100.

In the meantime, while the broadcasters wait for action, there is not only a mounting audience for local radio, but a growing enthusiasm across the United Kingdom for the whole idea of community broadcasting. The appearance of a BBC executive in Northampton a few weeks ago was enough to persuade the local evening paper to make the occasion and the possibility of BBC Radio Northampton, its front page story.

There are, however, areas of anxiety amidst the broadcasters' enthusiasm as the Home Secretary, Mr Merlyn Rees, decides what to do next. The well-publicized financial difficulties of the BBC have to be considered at a moment when the possibility of an internal pay struggle, to be followed by next year's bargaining with the Government over the licence fee, would make ITV's *Hard Times* a more appropriate offering from BBC 1.

There have been some moments larger than local life to impress the Home Secretary as he contemplates the future. A schoolgirl called Pam Ayres made her broadcasting debut on BBC Radio Oxford three years ago with her poem, *The Battery Hen*; Prince Philip's recent recitation of the same sort of fare for the rest of us came to the nation via a Radio Clyde tape recorder.

Mr Rees will also be armed with figures which show that where it can be heard local radio is challenging and, in some areas, out-distancing the national networks for the share of the audience. And he has more than enough evidence to convince him that local radio is proving an effective means, as Annan put it, of "combating loneliness, isolation and the fragmentation of communities".

From Belfast to Brighton it now has a track record of providing genuine service to the community and it is this unique strength, whether in reflecting life as it is, in mobilizing volunteers to help the sick and elderly, teaching pensioners to read, finding jobs for the young, let alone monitoring burst water mains, which will ensure that there will be more stations on the air by 1980.

With that date in view, it seems likely that the decision to be taken in the first few weeks of 1978 will be to permit a further phase of expansion through an additional 10 stations or so. The Home Office and the two broadcasting organizations may get together to decide who will go where. Given the commercial operators' freedom from licence fees and the current surge in audience and advertising revenue an increasing number of stations now have monthly advertising receipts in six figures, the stage could be set for an additional half-dozen independent stations to bring the IBA tally up to 25.

Where would that leave the BBC? Still very much in the local radio arena, and with vigorous redevelopment plans either in mind or in being for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Since the corporation is involved already in small-scale operations in Orkney and Shetland, nominally enabling it to field a 22-strong local line-up, both the British enthusiasm for compromise and the need for visible cost-consciousness might be met by permitting an additional three BBC stations.

It would then, very nearly, be 25-all between Montagues and Capulets.

Marshall Stewart

The author was editor of Radio 4's Today programme and a chief editor of Independent Radio News and London Broadcasting.

Farewell my lovely . . . at least I hope so

An occasional series on new words and new meanings.

Everything not just in the garden, but also in the pub, the shop, the bus, the street, and all the other meeting-places and talking-shops of life, is suddenly *lovely*. Pay for a purchase, buy somebody a drink, give up your seat to somebody else, and the odds are a hypermarket to a television-dinner of fish fingers that she or he will thank you by saying: "*lovely*". People used to express their casual gratitude by "thank you", "thanks", or "ta"; with "luv." or "hen" tacked on the end as an optional extra depending on the region in which the thanking was being done. In the past year or two the popular word for trivial thanking has suddenly become *lovely*. Like much raging slang it is odd and crass.

How can this have happened? It is too new a usage to have been noticed by even the most recent lexicographers. *Lovely* started its life in old English as an adjective meaning loving. No less an authority than King Alfred used it as an adverb to mean affectionately. Malory used it to mean amorous. Then the slow semantic erosion of the centuries wore away the amiable connotations, and the word came to mean "delightful", "highly excellent", as a general term expressive of enthusiastic adulation. So by 1653 Izaac Walton's *Compleat Angler* could say: "Come let's to supper. Come my friend Coridon, this Trout looks *lovely*."

There the word rested without major development until the middle of this century, when we gave *lovely* an absolute or substantival sense to mean a *lovely* creature, usually, in the male chauvinist 1930s, a female. The earliest authorities cited by the *OED Supplement* are Auden and Isherwood: "It (*sic* the working class) prefers our larger and livelier organs of enlightenment, which can afford snappier sports news and bigger photographs of bathing *lovelies*."

This *lovely* noun as smasher has no obvious connexion with *lovely* as thanks; unless the extravagant supposition is made that at some time in the late 1960s shop assistants and bus drivers en masse started chatting up their female customers by addressing them as bathing-beauties. *Lovely ta* it seems to have started life as a response for some slight service rendered, for example giving exactly the right money for something bought in a shop. Now it has grown and weakened to become an automatic response to any money being handed over, whether precisely the right amount or not.

On *The Duchess of Duke Street* on television the other night Mrs Trotter asked an American staying at the hotel during the First World War if brandy would suit for the offered drink. He replied: "*Lovely*" with a loud crash of anachronism that offended the ear of one of our best poets, as well as the ears of others who care for such things.

Such vogue silliness usually has a fast and furious life, and dies young of over-exposure. Oh, Wouldn't it be Lov-er-lee if such a fate were to overtake *lovely*.

Philip Howard

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LIGHTS OUT

The bargaining season for electrical power workers is in *March, when the thaw has* usually set in and the nights are drawing out. November is a much more advantageous time for power workers to remind the public how useful they are. Like the miners, they are among the industrial groups most able to disrupt the basic services of society. But the NUM is a relatively united national force, more punctilious than most unions about referring major issues to its members before taking action, and so all the more formidable when it does act. It remains a minority pressure group prepared to impose its will forcibly, none the less. But there is even less rhyme and reason about disruption of a comparable kind caused by a small group of dissident members of several unions, most of which are only concerned with electricity supply as one preoccupation among many.

If one fifth of coal miners downed tools, the effect on supply would not be immediately perceptible. But electricity cannot be stored in quantity: the marginal output in peak hours is highly vulnerable to action by a few workers. In spite of the efforts of the generating boards to spread power cuts fairly and give warning, blacking out large areas of modern cities cannot be accomplished without immense public inconvenience and some serious danger. The sick, the disabled and the old are particularly at risk, and it is quite possible that there may be deaths which would not have occurred if there had been no cuts. Even today, this disregard for a special responsibility to the public (freely taken on), merely for the sake of one's immediate and narrow interests, should be recognized as repugnant.

These risks with the welfare of the community are being taken because of three fringe benefits claims. Wage bargaining in the industry is highly centralized, and the unions involved had been slow to take up the grievances until the go-slow attracted their attention. One demand—travel allowances for those whose journeys to work have been increased by the building of new power stations away from towns—has now been conceded. It had some justice (similar allowances are not uncommon in private industry), though not enough to justify the breach of the twelve-month rule. The other demands are more contentious and could not be accepted without gross infringement of the pay guidelines.

The men are opposed by their employers, their unions, and by the TUC, as represented by Mr Len Murray yesterday. Their unions have much to answer for, having failed either to give effective representation or to impose effective disciplines on members abandoning the proper negotiating channels. The management's position is delicate, for *actions that might be perfectly* proper might not necessarily be those best calculated to bring about a resumption of supplies. Even if workers are in breach of their contracts, dismissal might only gain them sympathy. The decision not to pay them is abundantly justified.

This is a case—a conspicuous case, but not regrettably an isolated one—of a group of workers inflicting on the public at large hardship, inconvenience, even danger wholly disproportionate to the magnitude of the grievance they are seeking to remedy. There is sometimes a frightening moral blindness about collective behaviour in pursuance of a dispute about terms and conditions of employment, an irrational loss of any sense of proportion, and a disavowal of responsibility for damage done to fellow citizens at random, damage which is directly attributable to that collective action.

The public, and therefore the public's representatives, are vulnerable to these assaults. But they cannot be accepted just as a feature of modern life, unless there is also to be accepted a chronic loss of amenity and security in the organization of society. By the mobilization of opinion and a readiness to withstand temporary dislocation these assaults have to be resisted —starting now.

NO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

The South African pass laws are an integral part of the structure of ever-ramifying apartheid. Their primary object is to control the movement of the black population, especially to white cities. Every black over sixteen has to produce one upon the hated police challenge "Where's your pass?" Failure to do so, or the proffering of an expired or invalid pass, is a serious offence generating about 380,000 court cases a year. If a pass is withdrawn a black can be "endorsed out" to a bantustan, often a place only his ancestors had ever known.

The system, known as influx control, has been criticized even by South African commissions. Now it is to be given a facelift. The tribal homelands are henceforth to issue travel documents to their nationals, a more dignified card of identity. But these, even if upgraded to passport status upon independence, will serve the police and the Ministry of Bantu Affairs as well as the passes. Possession of one will be needed to apply for a job in white South Africa, and they will be endorsed or visa'd with periods of residence much as passports are when the holder takes up foreign residence. Expiry of the endorsement means return to the homeland.

The new system in fact is meant to rivet the bantustan arrangement on the blacks, by increasing the authority of the flimsy homeland "governments". Holders of their documents are to get preference for jobs and for the permission to reside in white South Africa over those with documents still issued to blacks residing in townships by the Ministry of Bantu Affairs. The object is to induce as many blacks as possible to register "voluntarily" as homeland nationals. Carried far enough this process would render South Africa a pure white country with a few million black *Gastarbeiter*.

It is the doctrine that all blacks really belong to the 13 per cent of South Africa known as bantustans which the blacks massively oppose, and which the world stigmatizes as South Africa's uniquely abhorrent race policy. Though talks with the homeland leaders were started some time ago, it is no accident that the new system is being unveiled immediately after black organizations, leaders and newspapers were silenced, on account of their so-called campaign of racial incitement. *The World* would certainly have exposed and denounced it for a fraud.

One homeland executive, Chief Buthelezi of Kwa-Zulu, has refused to fall in line. The others may regret their betrayal when black consciousness and black political leadership revive, as they will. It was Chief Matanzima's acceptance of Pretoria's condition for independence, that all Xhosas were Transkei nationals whether they wished to be so or had ever lived there, that wrecked whatever claim he could have made for international recognition.

It is within the competence of any government to require its citizens to carry identity cards, and it may be right to control the entry of jobless and unsuitable migrants to urban slum areas. But whatever the law, it must apply to everyone, white or black. Bogus travel documents or passports issued for political and police reasons are another example of South African deviousness, and should deceive nobody.

ANDORRA MENACED BY REFORM

Once again Europe's best land-locked site for pirate radio stations, one-time nest for smugglers of French pressure cookers, a favourite in the name-dropping travel snob's repertoire, latterly the "Tangier of the Pyrenees"—Andorra is shaken by tremors of constitutional change. Word of one man one vote has reached these remote valleys whose sovereignty resides jointly in an adjacent Bishop, on the Spanish side, and a front-line President, on the French. An election has been held on the old franchise confined to heads of families and the successful candidates have cast the die. There is to be a referendum to decide whether Andorra shall cut its links with feudal habits and introduce something so new-fangled as universal suffrage; they even think of seeking greater autonomy from their princes.

At the time of the bloodless revolution of the middle-aged in 1933 *The Times* comment concentrated on the speed with which it had been effected. To change a suffrage that had served for centuries was the work of an hour's sitting by the "general council of the valleys". The council agreed that the vote restricted to the eldest surviving family head need not be so limited. In future the great grandfather of eighty-seven, hobbling back from the polling station, might pass his newly-enfranchised son of sixty-three setting out to vote—and so down to duly married twenty-five-year-olds. After this shake-up Andorra lapsed into quiet obscurity again. How could it be other than backward-looking with an anthem starting "Charlemagne my father freed me from the Moors. . . ." True, war was declared on Germany but, wisely, no expeditionary force was raised.

The postwar story has been less idyllic. Commercial radio pirates got in. Protests were fired off from the Quai D'Orsay, stations were jammed, frontier taxes were slapped on. The place got into occasional headlines: "Tussle between joint rulers", "Hopes of Compromise in Andorra" and before long, ominously, "Andorrans come to terms with Today". Even then the Bishop of Urgel on the Spanish side still accepted his feudal dues in kind: a dozen capons, a dozen partridges, cheeses and half a dozen hams. And the smuggling went on: it was Andorra's national occupation.

But other opportunists soon appreciated Andorra's advantages. The capital's main—and almost only—street began to be transformed as a Hongkong style duty-free market place. The modern world's quick-growing fungus of fringe banks and the like invaded the "puritanian charm" of the travel writers. Not only did the tourists pour in, Andorra became a tax-haven for the retired, so much so that of its 28,000 estimated population less than a third are now Catalan-speaking natives of the region. And now that Spain is firmly democratic what hope is there for Andorra? One can imagine the guides in a year or two rattling off their piece to the visiting tourists on Andorra's feudal past. Smuggling might even have to be made a crime.

Religious education

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, The current complaint made by many Christians involved in the present legally imposed system of religious worship and instruction in schools, that many children prefer non-Christian to Christian forms of unreason, would be funny if it were not so sad. If you teach children to have faith in and to suspend doubt about one irrational belief, how can you complain if they decide to have faith in and to suspend doubt about other irrational beliefs? The point is not *what* is believed but *how* it is believed.

Those of us who reject all forms of unreason can only comment that the pseudo-scientific superstitions mentioned by the Church of England survey (October 13) are no more irrational than religious superstitions, that the "fancy religions" mentioned by Frank West (November 1) are no more fanciful than orthodox religions, that the "wilder aspects of the supernatural, daemonology, human sacrifice" mentioned by Ivor Powell (November 4) are no wilder than many aspects of Judaeo-Christian religion, and that the "science fiction religion" mentioned by Martin Rogers (November 4) is no more implausible than scriptural religion.

As long as the religious and political and educational authorities insist on maintaining a system which teaches young children traditional religion without the rational and critical approach given to every other subject, older children will continue to have irrational and uncritical attitudes to all kinds of superstition. The obvious solution is to replace the present system of instruction in *religion* with a *new* system of education about both religious and non-religious systems of belief and behaviour, so that young people will be able to make up their minds about basic questions in the light of the facts and by the use of their reason.

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November 4.

The British in Cyprus

From Mr Roger M. Wilde

Sir, Hundreds of British citizens living in Cyprus were affected by the Turkish invasion of the island in 1974. The majority of these people are represented by The United Kingdom Citizens Association, which is continually pressing the claims for compensation which have been lodged by these people. The Association has the full recognition of both the Cyprus Government and her Majesty's Government.

On Sunday, October 23, Sir Michael Palliser, the Permanent Under Secretary at the Foreign Office, visited Cyprus for official talks, but unfortunately the UKCA was advised early on the Sunday morning that Sir Michael would not have time to meet its representatives as he was only on the island for one day, and would therefore have to concentrate his time on his political contacts. Earlier in the year Dr David Owen *visited the island for 24 hours, during* which time UKCA representatives, together with about 12 other people, were invited to meet him at a luncheon party which he was able to attend for only 10 minutes. Such brief contacts can only serve to confuse the mind of the visitor, however brilliant he may be.

It would seem strange that HMG can go to the expense of sending top diplomats to visit the island and yet restrict their stay to one day's duration. Surely, in such cases, diplomats should have discussions not only with the island's political figures but also with the British community and British citizens actually affected; even if it is necessary to extend their visits, thus enabling them to obtain a clearer view of the feelings of the residents.

Presumably, any negotiations will affect members of all communities, would it not, therefore, be in order that factors affecting the British community should also be taken into consideration?

Yours faithfully,
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October 23.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay increase demands and industrial unrest

From Mr R. S. Dale

Sir, Lord Wilfred Brown (November 2) is naive in suggesting that wage differentials should be determined by agreement between union representatives. In the first place agreement, in the absence of accepted criteria, would never be forthcoming; in the second place, any such arrangement would be an abuse of the union's traditional role which is to protect the interests of its own membership and not to decide how the national income should be allocated; and, finally, the question of wage differentials is a matter affecting the national interest and not merely the interest of employees (police pay relative to miners' pay, for instance, is not properly a matter to be determined by the TUC, nor even by policemen and miners).

If we nevertheless accept, as we surely must, that the labour market has ceased to function as an effective means of determining the distribution of national income, then we are faced with the following alternative: either we reconstitute the market mechanism through a novel form of industrial structure such as producer cooperatives (a solution so ably advocated by your former Economics Editor, Peter Jay) or else we must adopt a system of national job evaluation which will have to be operated at the political level. What we cannot do is persevere with the present system of free collective bargaining which is threatening the social cohesion of this country and the very framework of democracy.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. DALE,
The Old House,
Elham,
Near Canterbury,
Kent.

From Sir Cyril Kleinwort

Sir, The ethics behind the recent strikes do not bear examination.

How can one justify the intense discomfort and danger to which the people of this country are being subjected by a tiny few who seek financial reward beyond the Government's guidelines? Machinery has raised the standard of living in a modern state enormously, but this change has also given a great number of small groups of operators the power to hold the country to ransom. Human nature being what it is, this power will continue to be abused until collapse of the economy brings in a communist or another form of dictatorship.

The alternative is that economic laws are allowed to exert pressure on the striker and not only on the employer. North Sea oil arrived just in time to subsidize a standard of living which we no longer earn. We have little time to face the truth and take action.

CYRIL H. KLEINWORT,
20 Fenchurch Street, EC3.

From Brigadier P. E. Hutchins

Sir, Taken to its logical conclusion, pursuance of the right of all workers to withhold their labour will result in the removal of that freedom altogether. Survival of the human race in an automated environment must depend upon the continuous provision of essential services—to which end governments will be forced to enact authoritarian measures now regarded as unthinkable. Unfortunately governments of democratic persuasion of either hue will shrink from this and will thus be replaced of necessity by autocracies. These will also be of either hue, and both equally abhorrent.

The simple answer is acceptance of the truth that since in a democracy every man or woman is free to choose what his work shall be, it means no loss of freedom to remove the right to strike from workers in those industries and undertakings upon the constant functioning of which we must all depend.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. HUTCHINS,
76 Shoe Lane, EC4.

From Mr John Barker

Sir, With the present electricity supply cuts heralding the winter months and following so shortly behind the non-delivery of bread, can your readers explain the defects of national character that permit us to be so greedy and selfish towards each other, or are these difficulties the birth pangs to be experienced on the road to true socialism?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BARKER,
5 Butterfield Lane,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.

From Dr J. R. Nash

Sir, I doubt whether the power station workers responsible for the present power crisis appreciate the consequences of their action.

During a seven-hour evening shift in the local casualty department two elderly ladies were seen as a result of a fall at home, due to poor lighting. One sustained a broken wrist and the other a broken ankle.

Yet again we have a group of workers showing no concern for the weaker members of the community. These injuries are likely to cause pain and misery long after the industrial action is over.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. NASH,
120 Wintersdale Road,
Leicester.

From Mrs C. M. Delahunty

Sir, Good luck to the miners in their claim for £135 per week. I myself have just had a rise; my non-contributory invalidity pension has been increased from £3.05 per week to £3.10 per week. I'm over the moon!

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE M. DELAHUNTY.

P.S. Please note that the postage stamp for this letter has taken care of my rise for the next fortnight. I will put the remaining 1p towards the Miners' Benevolent Fund.

Wondingdean Ward,
St Francis Hospital,
Haywards Heath,
Sussex.

Visit to Britain of Vaclav Kral

From Professor F. L. Carsten, FBA and Professor G. H. N. Seton-Watson, FBA

Sir, The case of Kral, discussed by Bernard Levin in today's paper (November 2) raises the whole issue of cultural cooperation between Western and Soviet-block countries.

The British Academy has made numerous agreements for exchange of scholars, believing that this is possible, regardless of differences of political system; and that contacts between academics, who cultivate their own fields of learning and keep their political prejudices out of them, is in itself a desirable aim. This, we are convinced, is the view held not only by us but by most British scholars.

The system of exchanges has worked well, and relations of mutual confidence and even friendship have been established.

And now we have the case of Kral. Our own information about this man agrees entirely with Bernard Levin's account. We feel obliged to ask through your columns the following questions.

How can the Czechoslovak Academy have brought itself to nominate such a person for an academic exchange? What sort of relations does the Czechoslovak Academy think it can have with the British Academy, or with British scholars? Does it believe that it is the duty of British scholars, in the name of détente, to submit to attacks on their professional ethos?

Yours faithfully,
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November 2.

Violence in politics

From Lord Carr of Hadley

Sir, It is not "fun", writes Mr Tariq Ali, to see the homes of socialists attacked with fire bombs. Nor is it "fun", let me assure him, for non-socialists to have their homes blown up by explosive bombs —even if the bombs are made and planted by people who would be labelled as true socialists by such as Mr Tariq Ali and his confrères. I can indeed see why they object to being described by Mr Bernard Levin as mere "fun-revolutionaries".

If the Far Left would clearly and consistently denounce and renounce the use of violence against other people, their protestations of human compassion on so many issues might ring more true.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT CARR,
House of Lords.
November 4.

Morality of guerrillas

From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, The first thing I read in today's *Times* (November 1) was your account of the misery of Cambodia. Sick at heart, I turned (escapism?) to the letters, and the first I saw was the Revd Richard Harries' measured defence of guerrilla warfare on Christian grounds of a "just war".

When will my brother-clergy, and indeed my Synod members, realize that "freedom fighters", be they the Khmer Rouge of yesterday or the Patriotic Front of today, are only interested in the morality of their cause insofar as they realize the importance of propaganda and the desirability of persuading Christians, among others, to support them? Of course Rhodesia, let *alone South Africa, are unjust* societies. So were the South Vietnam and Cambodia of yesteryear. But once Christians advocate changing those societies for the better by supporting violence, they simply force the groups in power—for example, Rhodesian whites—to choose between conflicting evils. Which is the lesser evil; Rhodesia under Smith, or Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge?

From a peaceful vicarage, be it Fr Harries' or mine, it is not possible to know what is going on in the rough world outside; and we clergy are perhaps shielded from knowing how much influence is wielded by unscrupulous men who rely on force. Fr Harries may suppose that "indiscriminate terror will alienate the people and lessen the chance of political victory"; unfortunately, both history and *current affairs indicate otherwise.*

Yours sincerely,
GILES HUNT,
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Royston,
Hertfordshire.
November 1.

Agreed housing policies

From Councillor A. F. Wigram

Sir, Further to your recent leading article and the letter on "Agreed housing policies" on October 28, I would like to emphasise how very important this could be in central London and to make some concrete proposals.

In Westminster there are several thousand dwellings in urgent need of rehabilitation and modernization and many more in a steadily deteriorating condition. From an administrative point of view these create an impossibly difficult task for a single central authority because each house has different structural problems and a multitude of different tenancies. With the best will in the world—and this exists—we do not have the staff or the money to deal with these kinds of problems.

This is a natural field of endeavour for the small landlord and the small entrepreneur but at the moment there is little or no incentive for them to get involved. Here are three suggestions which might be considered.

First, all income arising from the letting of residential property should be exempt from the investment surcharge. A lot of people think that the surcharge is iniquitous anyway and with this I would agree but it is manifestly absurd *to treat income arising from residential letting as unearned.* For the small landlord there are endless difficulties involved and it is just not the same as sticking your money into the Stock Exchange or gilt edged and waiting for a dividend.

Secondly, all repairs, whether structural or decorative, carried out to residential property should be regarded as income expenditure and be offsettable not only against rent arising from property lettings but against all other types of income, earned and unearned, possessed by the individual concerned.

Thirdly, profit on the sale of any residential investment should be treated as a capital gain and be subject to a maximum rate of tax of 30 per cent and not as income where the possible maximum rate is the confiscatory 98 per cent.

The above proposals might be open to minor abuses and possibly some sort of ceiling would be desirable in each case but such misuse ought to be considered negligible when compared with the possible contribution that private landlords could make towards improving the housing stock over the next ten years if treated fairly.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WIGRAM,
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From Sir Eugene Melville

Sir, The Director of the London Housing Aid Centre (letter, October 31), is, I think, unconvincingly hefty on your editorial of October 24, "Towards Agreed Housing Policies", particularly when he asserts that you offer "the tired old spectre of a revived private rented market—a chimera which is now widely recognized to be economically unrealistic" in place of "positive suggestions for tackling Britain's continuing housing problems".

Surely a significant reason for the increase in squatting, homelessness and the unacceptably high numbers of unfit houses is the continuing political vendetta against private landlords.

The Government's recent document on the review of the Rent Acts acknowledges the need for a private rented sector. It is as ridiculous for the Housing Aid Centre to assert that the private landlord has no part to play in meeting the nation's housing needs as it would be for the private landlord to assert that council housing has no part to play.

If there could be an agreed bipartisan policy towards the role of the private rented sector this would be a first step for a saner approach to tackling our housing problem.

Yours faithfully,
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Silencing burglar alarms

From Mr J. R. Pritchard

Sir, Listening regularly, as I do, to people who have suffered sleepless nights because of nearby ringing burglar alarm bells, I sympathize with Mr E. M. Nicholson in his letter of November 2.

Mr Nicholson calls for additional legislation to combat nuisance from ringing alarm bells, but adequate statute already exists. A local authority under Section 58 Control of Pollution Act, 1974, can serve notice upon the owner of an offending bell to cease causing nuisance and in so doing it can prescribe ways in which this should be done.

The London Borough of Islington is using the Act with success to deal with nuisance from ringing alarm bells. Notices require, with alternatives, the installation of a cut-out device in an intruder alarm system to automatically turn off the alarm bell within twenty minutes of it beginning to ring. A bell ringing for longer than twenty minutes will contravene the notice.

Contravention of a notice could bring a maximum fine of £200 on a first offence and a minimum fine of £400 with £50 a day penalty on second and subsequent offences.

Yours faithfully,
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November 3.

Ordination of women

From Miss Christian Howard

Sir, The letters of Professor Lampe (October 26) and the Bishop of Truro (October 29) both raise the question of the authority of General Synod. Constitutionally, there is no doubt that Synod can (subject to many procedural safeguards) authorize the Ordination of Women in the Church of England, and could, even without doing this, amend Canons and legislation to allow women, validly ordained *elsewhere in the Anglican* Communion, to officiate as priests in the Church of England. It is less clear what is the authority of Synod when it declares its mind on a theological issue. Perhaps rather less than that which Professor Lampe claims but a good deal more than the Bishop of Truro would suggest. The Bishops, guardians of doctrine, did vote for the principle by 28 to 10 but clearly it is not binding in conscience on other Anglicans: it is rather a first (essential) step if action is to follow.

How a church decides what is truth and which questions it decides are of the essence of truth is a far more difficult matter. What "common body" is needed for a decision? Who calls it together and who comes? Do Anglicans think *that only churches with bishops* in the historic succession are competent to take part (in which case, what of the Church of Sweden and those Anglican provinces which already have women priests) or are all churches in the mainstream tradition (most of whom now have women priests/ministers in their worldwide families) to be invited?

Archbishop Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, has written: "I wonder . . . given the realities of today's world, if waiting for a universal consensus does not mean ruling out any action. In the early Church many things were tried in one area and then either approved or rejected for Catholic use. Perhaps today, we need again to consider this as a valid way of acting. . . . If we are prepared to act *but also to recognize that our* action must be tested by experience and if we are prepared to have other churches help us to evaluate the results of the action then we may, in fact, be making a contribution to wider ecumenical relationships."

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTIAN HOWARD,
Coneysthorpe,
York.
November 1.

Electing Euro-MPs

From the Director of the Electoral Reform Society

Sir, "On what general platform can Labour candidates stand for the European Parliament?" asks John Mackintosh. Quite. While it is of course desirable that Labour voters should be able to elect their fair share of Euro-MPs, it is no small matter that the Government's regional list system counts each vote for a party, so that a vote given to a candidate because he wants to keep the parliament powerless may contribute to the election of one who will strive to make it more powerful. Or vice versa. Only the single transferable vote avoids the pretence that any party is united in its attitude to the Community.

Yours faithfully,
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Mapping buried history

From Dr Margaret Gelling

Sir, The letters from Dr Webster (October 31) and Mrs Proudfoot (November 1) protesting against the proposed curtailment of the activities of the Archaeological branch of the Ordnance Survey must command wide support amongst all who care for Britain's past. Ordnance Survey maps have not hitherto been mere instruments to enable the motorist to get from A to B; other organizations supply maps for that purpose. Our Ordnance Survey maps have been a record and an exposition of the whole history of life in this country.

The archaeological information is vital and should continue to be supplied; but there are other aspects in which the maps have become less informative recently. To take one instance, south of Birmingham there was a parish called Ipsley. The settlement is described in Domesday Book, the church still stands, and the place is of interest to archaeologists and historians. It is, among other things, the location of the earliest Saxon object to be found in Worcestershire, and a place where Roman and Anglo-Saxon finds occur in significant proximity.

The area is now part of the new town of Redditch. This does not necessarily involve the disappearance of an ancient settlement name —witness the place from which I write and scores of others which survive as suburbs—but in this instance someone decided that the name Ipsley should disappear from the 1967 edition of sheet 131 of the 1 inch map. The loss to the history of the area is considerable. One of the earliest references to Redditch occurs in a forest perambulation of 1300, which begins "at the red ditch in the town of Ipsley". It would have cost no one anything to have left the name Ipsley there, so that the map continued to illustrate the history of settlement.

May I suggest that, in addition to campaigning for the preservation of the Archaeological branch of the Ordnance Survey, all historically minded readers of *The Times* look at the most recent maps for their area to see what has been deleted? Such deletions are a very real loss to our historical heritage.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET GELLING, Chairman,
Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland,
31 Pereira Road,
Harborne,
Birmingham.

Trespassing and the law

From Mr Christian Wolmar

Sir, Your correspondent David Green (Letters, October 27) makes a severe legal error in his first sentence: "The owner or tenant of property has the legal right to use reasonable force to eject a trespasser. . . ." He is referring to a single case (McPhail v persons unknown) in which Lord Denning, in an obiter, stated that the use of reasonable force was permissible. However, this case pertains to very special circumstances and by no means should be taken, or has been taken, to give owners a universal right to use force against trespassers. In fact, by doing so, after December 1 when the Criminal Law Act Part Two provisions come into force, an owner will leave himself open to prosecution under Section 6 of that Act.

Both the forcible entry Acts and the Criminal Law Act which is replacing them on December 1 afford a large measure of protection to certain types of trespassers, such as squatters of empty houses and workers occupying a factory. In making such an ill informed and general statement, Mr Green has confused the issue of trespassers in an already occupied property (eg, a guest whose invitation has been rescinded) and trespassers on empty property or in factory occupations.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTIAN WOLMAR,
Release,
1 Elgin Avenue, W9.

Forget the future

From the Reverend P. M. Haynes

Sir, Once I heard a Mothers' Union speaker tell her audience that "the Virgin Mary spent the nine months of her pregnancy reading the New Testament". I have had to wait 20 years for something in the same class. Now Mrs Thatcher has obliged. She has assured us that the children of Israel "were so relieved not to have been drowned that they forgot they had got to face 40 years wandering in the wilderness".

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HAYNES,
St Mark's Vicarage,
22 Peaks Hill,
Purley,
Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 4: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the Jobcentre in Fountain Street, Manchester and afterwards visited the Royal Exchange Theatre.

His Royal Highness attended a luncheon at CPC (United Kingdom) Ltd and in the afternoon toured Trafford Park Industrial Estate.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

In the evening His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief of The Gloucestershire Regiment attended The Gloucestershire Regimental Dinner at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

November 4: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel M. J. Kelly on relinquishing command of the 6th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel R. Scott on assuming command.

His Royal Highness was entertained to lunch by the National Coal Board at Hobart House.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 4: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the new Phoenix Mill of the Wansbrough Paper Company Limited at Watchet, Somerset.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Finnish Ambassador will open a Christmas bazaar in aid of the Finnish Seamen's Church in London at 33 Albion Street, Rotherhithe, on Thursday, November 24, at 11 am.

Mgr A. N. Gilbey deeply regrets that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the funeral of his cousin, Dom Gabriel Gilbey, yesterday.

Birthdays today

Mr R. W. Annand, VC, 63; the Right Rev F. W. Cocks, 64; Sir George Erskine, 81; General Sir John Hackett, 67; Mr Edmond X. Kapp, 87; the Rev Professor John Marsh, 73; Mr John Morris, QC, MP, 46; Mr Lester Piggott, 42; Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, 65; Sir John Witt, 70.

TOMORROW: Mr Philip Hope-Wallace, 66; Sir Alexander MacFarquhar, 74; Sir John Pennycuick, 78; Professor Sir Martin Roth, 60; Major-General J. Scott Elliot, 75; Sir George Sinclair, MP, 64; Mr Michael Stewart, MP, 71; Sir Leonard Stone, QC, 81; Mr Whitney Straight, 65; Sir Gordon Whitteridge, 69.

Marriage

Mr S. W. Bolton and Mrs L. F. Ellert

The marriage took place yesterday in London between Mr Simon William Bolton, younger son of Mrs Bolton and the late Mr J. V. Bolton, and Mrs Lister Follett Ellert, daughter of Mrs Follett Holt and the late Colonel F. R. Follett Holt.

Today's engagements

Concert: Filmharmonic 77, festival of film and television music, Albert Hall, 7.30.

Lecture: Charles Lamb Society, Mr Frank Ledwith on "Christ's Hospital in Lamb's time and my own", Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, 2.30.

Firework displays: Clapham Common, 7.30; Streatham Common, 7.30; Crystal Palace Park, 7.30; Kennington Park, 7.30; Highbury Fields, also funfair and bands, 5; Alexandra Palace, also music, children's shows and refreshments, 7; Ravensbury Park, 7.30; Finsbury Park, 7.30.

Walk: Shakespeare's and Dickens's Southwark, meet Monument station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: Human biology, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, 2.30-6.

London to Brighton veteran car run, leaves Hyde Park Corner 8 am.

Collectors record fair: Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, 1-6.

Walk: Great Plague and Great Fire, meet Tower Hill station, 11; In the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, meet Baker Street station, 2.

Weighing the odds in the divine gamble for man's soul

Most Christians are gamblers in their innermost hearts. Even if they have never heard of Pascal they would agree with him that Reason cannot determine the existence of God. Though we ought not to gamble in general, we have to gamble whether God exists or not. We have everything to gain, or to lose; and in order to avert error and misery and to attain to truth and goodness, namely God, we have to stake our all. The stakes could not be higher.

But this is only one side of the story. God's gamble with us is even bolder and the risk greater. When God points to his servant Job as no one like him on earth, perfect and upright, he triggers off a disastrous course of events for Job. As the Hinderer asks: "Does Job fear God for nought?" With cynical realism he voices a legitimate objection. Job is "perfect" because he is protected. He has everything that a man can desire: family, property, status in the community, an orderly mind, a positive religion, a deservedly fine reputation. But *is* he what he has?

The Hinderer does not accuse Job of any crime and his victim's protestations of innocence cannot be gainsaid. But what about disinterested love and service? God's gamble now admits of a clause which was not intended at the start, for why should disinterested love be considered part, or even the essence of human perfection? But the clause has come to stay: God, if he is known, or feared, or loved at all, must be known, or feared, or loved for what He is.

Job neither wins nor loses this bet. This is not surprising since it is part of the ironical plot that he, the victim, cannot know what we, the readers and spectators, do know, namely, that he is being tested. Throughout his struggle, exacerbated by his "friends", he shows his ignorance of the celestial gamble and resorts to legal arguments. He appeals to a court that he cannot find, wants to reply to an indictment which is nowhere stated. After outbursts of despair, bitter lamentations and denunciations, all unacceptable in a court of law, this isolated soul begins to transcend the world of pleas.

He longs for faith and anticipates the last turn of the screw: he will see God. He responds to the divine gamble by projecting himself into the future: "Oh, that I might find him!" This is a tremendous spiritual achievement, for it means that the outcast looks for his vindication in gratuitous love. He has been compelled to seek His face in terms beyond the contractual *quid pro quo*. The Hinderer's accusation no longer stands and the divine gamble has been won by God in Man.

Goethe takes up again the double gamble: the Lord gambles on Dr Faustus that like a flower he will despite all waywardness turn to the light. Dr Faustus gambles his soul against Mephistopheles in exchange for help by the negative, denying, diabolical force. This contract, signed in blood, specifies that Faust must lose if at any time he declares himself to be content with himself, his plight, his achievement. Mere "amusements", such as near rape, manslaughter, or even murder leave him irritably bored.

Yet when he enters the political world, the maze of power, inflation, war, and science, our hero changes and nearly succumbs to satisfaction when he penetrates the underworld. A marriage between Faust and Helen of Troy, marrying antiquity and modernity, would produce perfection. But the child of that marriage dies and Helen vanishes. Yet the aging Faust, blind and full of care, nearly declares himself satisfied when he hears the noise of colonization, the new technological weapons changing the contours of the earth. To this moment he could say "Abide", and thus lose his bet. But he does not know that these shovels are digging his own grave.

Who then wins? Everything points to the condemnation of Faust. But, then, God would lose the wager, and the old Goethe cheats the devil trying to catch the lost soul. Not that the legal quibble—he *could*, but *did* not, say "Abide!"—could save Faust. Rather, under the divine dispensation, the man who always strives can be redeemed, but the redemption is not the result of the striving. The wronged victim intercedes, the angels mediate, and the contemplative saints open the heavens to the secular sinner. God wins the wager just because Faust very nearly lost his.

But can such grace still prevail in the harsh climate of extermination camps and terrorism? Thomas Mann "took it all back" in his *Dr Faustus*, in as much as the composer Leverkühn enters the contract for total inspiration and pays at the end with total insanity. Everything has been staked and the diabolical bookie—the demonic within—takes all. And so it must be in a world which excludes grace and faith, for who can still hear God's answer to the Satanic provocation: "Does Job fear God for nought?" To this decisive question *we* have no answer. Only God can and does answer with a resounding Yes.

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University of London
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Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. C. Arnell and Miss V-M. Franklin

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between Christopher Charles Arnell, of Brighton, and Vivienne-Marie Franklin, of London.

Mr C. G. Morgan and Miss M. J. Best

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. E. Morgan, of Waun Wen, Maendy, Cowbridge, Glamorgan, and Melissa, only daughter of the late Mr Robert D. Best and of Mrs Jane Best, of Everett, Washington, United States.

Mr J. D. Barber and Miss J. C. Stephens

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. P. Barber, of Much Wenlock, and Josephine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Stephens, of Harpenden and Helen's Bay.

Mr J. E. C. Tyrwhitt and Miss M. N. Towell

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the late Admiral Sir St John Tyrwhitt, Bt, KCB, DSO, DSC, and of Lady Agnew, and stepson of Sir Godfrey Agnew, KCVO, CB, of Pinehurst, South Ascot, Berkshire, and Melinda, only daughter of Mr Anthony Towell, MC, and Mrs Towell, of 45 Sutton Place South, New York, United States, and 24 Rennie Court, Upper Ground, London, SE1.

Luncheon

English-Speaking Union

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, EEC Commissioner and patron of the English-Speaking Union of Belgium, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon a luncheon arranged by the English-Speaking Union and the European Movement at Dartmouth House yesterday. Dr Richard Mayne was in the chair. Mr William E. Channing gave the vote of thanks.

Dinners

Lord Segal

Lord Segal entertained the London branch of the Oxford Society at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday. The guests included Lord Goodman, Lord and Lady Milne and Mrs D. M. Lennie.

Ministry of Defence

A dinner jointly organized by the Ministry of Defence and the electronics components industry was held at the Painterstainers' Hall last night. Mr Basil Lythall, Ministry of Defence, presided and the guest of honour was Professor Pierre Aigrain. The other speakers were Dr Peter Trier, chairman of the Electronics Research Council, and Dr David Kiely, Ministry of Defence. Among the guests were:

Mr J. D. Alun-Jones, Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, Mr W. J. Charnley, Mr M. W. Clark, Mr R. J. Clayton, Sir Clifford Cornford, Dr D. Davies, Professor Sir Sam Edwards, Mr B. Jessel, Dr J. A. Powell and Mr K. M. Walton.

Clan Macpherson Association

The annual dinner of the Clan Macpherson Association, England and Wales branch, was held yesterday at the Waldorf Hotel. Mr John Macpherson Martin presided and the other speakers were Madam MacLaren of MacLaren, the guest of honour, and Mr W. A. Macpherson of Cluny and Blairgowrie, QC, the 27th chief.

Institute of Quantity Surveyors

The Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Greater London, Admiral Sir Charles Madden, was the principal speaker at the jubilee year dinner and dance of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Michael Wilkins, president, was in the chair and the guests included the Bishop of London, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Chairman of the Greater London Council, Sir Robert Cox and the presidents of other professional societies.

Reception

Mrs C. Hardy

The Deputy High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs Christian Hardy gave a reception yesterday evening after the first of six Musicanada concerts being held at St John's, Smith Square.

Service luncheon

Air Marshals' Club

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at the autumn luncheon of the Air Marshals' Club, held yesterday at the RAF Club. Others present included:

Marshals of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson, Lord Elworthy and Sir Thomas Pike; Air Chief Marshals Sir John Aiken, Sir Denis Barnett, Sir Brian Burnett, the Hon Sir Ralph Cochrane, Sir Hugh Constantine, Sir Walter Dawson, Sir David Evans, Sir Peter Fletcher, Sir Lewis Hodges, Sir Derek Hodgkinson, Sir Peter Le Cheminant, Sir David Lee, Sir Douglas Lowe, Sir Denis Smallwood and Sir Neil Wheeler.

Service dinners

Association of Reserve Officers of the Royal Navy

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was present at an anniversary dinner of the London Flotilla held last night in the Law Society's Hall. The chairman of the flotilla, Lieutenant-Commander Dudley Bonney, RNVR, presided and among others present were Admiral Sir David Williams, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, Rear-Admiral C. M. Bevan, Rear-Admiral C. A. W. Weston and Captain Miles Wingate.

The Gloucestershire Regiment

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief of The Gloucestershire Regiment, presided at the dinner of officers of the regiment held at the Naval and Military Club last night. Colonel Young Kwon Chi, defence attaché, Korean Embassy, and Mrs Sally Oppenheim, MP, were among the guests.

XX The Lancashire Fusiliers

The XX Officer's Inkerman Dinner Club held their annual dinner last night at the Castle Armoury, Bury. Brigadier D. M. Woodford presided. The principal guests were the Mayor of Bury, Mr Frank White, MP, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. A. Daniel.

Latest wills

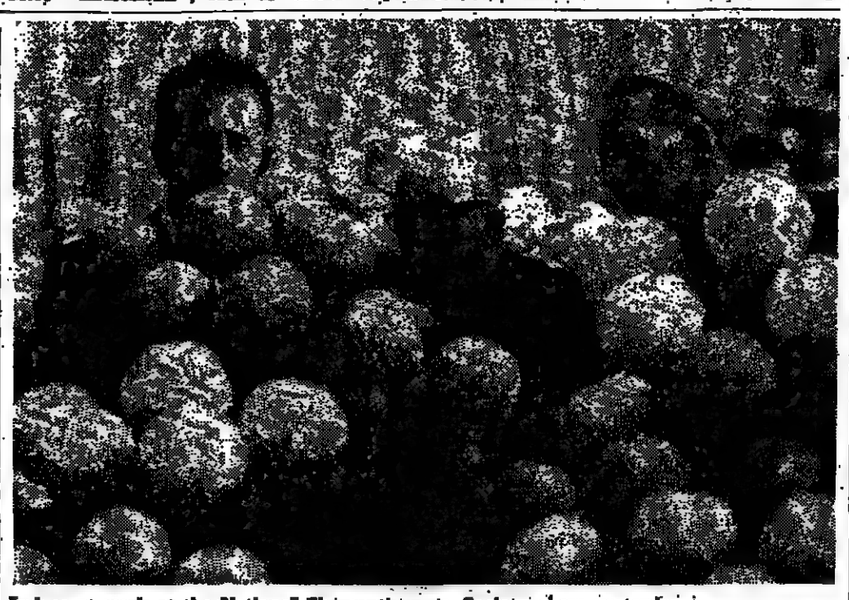
Mr Thomas Joseph Brennan, of Blackrock, Cork, a retired managing director left estate in England, Wales and the Irish Republic valued at £79,028. After bequests totalling £16,000 he left the residue to the Cheshire Foundation (Ireland) Ardeen House, Shillelagh.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Abraham, Mr Frederick William, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire £134,027

Baylis, Mrs Ethel Mildred, of Newbury Berkshire .. £136,031

Black, Sir Misha, of Kensington, architect and industrial designer £113,889



Judges at work at the National Chrysanthemum Society show yesterday.

Top quality blooms in autumn show

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The National Chrysanthemum Society is holding its late flowering chrysanthemum show at the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall in Westminster, and is providing a superb spectacle for the throng of visitors. It is rare to see such a mass of colour from a single genus of flowers at this time of year; some 1,600 vases of blooms are exhibited.

The exhibits are of a particularly high standard this year, with top quality blooms of a very wide range of types, including the giant exhibition, the incurveds, the intermediates and reflexeds, the single, and, a new feature for this show, an excellent range of spray types, which are particularly attractive to flower arrangers.

There are few trade exhibits but a large gold medal has been awarded to Alan Wren, of Waltham Abbey, for as attractively arranged display of chrysanthemums as is possible at this time of year.

Among their many old favourites are several new varieties for 1978 and 1979. These include 'Frances Campbell', pale orange exhibition incurved 'Primrose Sam Vinter', pale yellow intermediate decorative, 'Yellow John Hughes' an exhibition incurved, and 'Yellow Doris Doig', intermediate decorative.

There are also some delightful vases of cascade, spider and spoon varieties, with highly popular sprays for the ladies.

H. Woolman (Dorridge) Ltd, of Solihull, have been awarded a gold medal for their excellent blooms with very clean foliage. Interest is considerable in their new varieties, which will be available shortly.

The Borough of Brighton parks and gardens department have also won a gold medal for the floor display, which includes mainly cascade and charm varieties of chrysanthemums, interspersed with other types, including exhibitions, decoratives and sprays.

The competitive classes are hotly contested, with exhibitors coming from many parts of England, Scotland and Wales. However, it is the Welsh who appear to have triumphed, with I. Mace, Treorchy, winning the Bentley Trophy for the competitive exhibit of most merit in the show. He has also been awarded the Centenary Trophy as national champion for 18 large exhibition chrysanthemums, and the Keith Luxford Challenge Cup for nine large exhibition blooms.

The solid silver salver and A. G. Vinten Memorial Medal for the best vase of reflexed or intermediate blooms has been awarded to B. Connor, Hucknall, for his exhibit of 'Red Balcombe'. Silver medals have gone to D. Ball, High Wycombe, for the best large exhibition bloom, 'Phil Houghton', yellow; to A. Roberts, Abingdon, for the best medium exhibition bloom, 'Lundy', white; to C. B. Ellis, Petts Wood, for the best vase of incurved blooms, 'John Hughes', white; and to W. A. J. Scovell, Chessington, for the best vase of singles, 'Golden Woolman's Glory'.

The Welsh are again to the fore in the Affiliated Societies' Championships class, which has been won by the Horticultural Society of the Pontarddulais Rugby Cup, who received the Unique Challenge Trophy. Their entry included 'Silver Gigantic', 'Doris Doig', 'Brett Williams', 'Beachview Flame' and 'Woolman's Glory'.

M. Higgins, Bridgwater, won four main trophies. He won the Crystal Jubilee Trophy for three vases of late chrysanthemums; Holmes Memorial Challenge Cup as national champion for five vases of late flowering incurved chrysanthemums; George and Gladys Hughes Perpetual Trophy for five vases of incurved blooms; and Ted Whitlock Memorial Trophy for three vases of incurved blooms.

The Holmes Memorial Challenge Cup for 12 large exhibition blooms was awarded to A. A. Roberts, Abingdon.

C. Titterton, Matlock, was the national champion for late flowering reflexed and intermediate chrysanthemums, for which he was awarded the George Prickett Challenge Trophy.

The national champion for late flowering large flowered single chrysanthemums, five vases, for which he was awarded the George Monro Challenge Cup, was H. A. Miles, Canterbury.

Other principal prizewinners were:

J. H. Goddard Challenge Cup for three large exhibition blooms, D. W. Ball, High Wycombe; Richardson Challenge Cup for three large exhibition blooms, S. Tamblyn, Newquay, who also won the Neal Trophy for six medium exhibition blooms; H. Shoesmith Trophy for one vase incurved and one vase reflexed or intermediates, N. J. Wilmot, Basingstoke; Levington Trophy for three vases of reflexed and/or intermediates, large flowered, M. G. Blythe, Hathern; Robertson Challenge Trophy for three vases singles, H. A. Miles, Canterbury; Medium Singles Trophy for five vases of singles, P. Royles, Deeside; Charles Luckin Challenge Trophy for two vases reflexed and/or intermediates and two vases medium flowered singles, M. Lowson, Hartlepool; Wright Challenge Cup for one specimen chrysanthemum in container, A. E. Blythe, Edmonton; Bill Couchman Memorial Trophy for one charm chrysanthemum in pot, A. W. Brown, Beckenham; George Wilson Memorial Trophy for four vases of chrysanthemums shown by a novice, N. Densley, Bristol.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Services tomorrow: Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon L. John Collins, TD and Jub (Royce in A); HC, 11.30 (Darke in F), Int, Non vos relinquam orphanos (Byrd); Evensong, 3.15, Rev J. Arnold, Mag and ND (Rubbra in A flat), A, Where thou reignest (Schubert).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Stanford in C), The souls of the righteous (Vaughan Williams), Canon J. R. Porter; HC (said), 11.30; Evensong, 3 (Gray in F minor), Sing mortals (Bliss), Canon J. A. Baker; Organ recital, 5.45; E, 6.30, Rev N. Collings.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Cathedral Eucharist, 11 (Jackson in G), A, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Canon Derek Tasker; Evensong, 3.30 (Stanford in B flat), A, And I saw another angel (Stanford), Canon Gerald Parrott.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30 and 11.15, Int, Blessed are the pure in heart (Davies); Prebendary S. Austen Williams.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15 (Darke in F), Bishop of Stafford.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Parish Communion, 11, Dean of Rochester.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: HC, 8 and noon; M, 11, Rev P. B. Denton.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; 11.15, Canon S. H. Evans, A, Gloria (Mozart).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL, public invited (entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway): M, 11.30, Canon R. Tydman, A, Benedictus qui venit (Palestrina).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, TD (Gibbons, short), A, I beheld and Lo (Blow), the Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Sumsion in G), Jub (Dyson in D), A, Glorious in heaven (Victoria), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church), public welcomed: HC, 8.30; Choral Eucharist, 11, Resident Chaplain (Darke in F), Prevent us, O Lord (Byrd); E, 3.30, Rev M. J. Stokes (Stanford in G), Justorum animae (Stanford).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): Eucharist, 11 (Stanford in C), Mot, Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face (Whitlock); E, 3.30, Mag and ND (Parry in D), A, Faire is the heaven (Harris).

ALL HALLOWS by the TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, the Vicar.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30; HM, 11, Father E. Simmons (Missa brevis in G (Mozart)); E and B, 6, Dean of Guildford (Murrill in E).

CHRIST CHURCH, Chelsea: HC, 8; Parish Communion, 11; E and HC, 6, Prebendary F. A. Pinchard.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell (Schubert in G), O what their joy (Harris).

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8; HC (sung), 11, Rev S. Millar; E, 6.30, Rev P. Crooks.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11 (Richardson in A), Turnback Oman (Holst).

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M (said) 10.15; Choral Eucharist, 11, Missa (Victoria), A, O quam gloriosum (Victoria) and E 6.30 (Byrd, second), A Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11, Prebendary Dewi Morgan, Jub (Howells's Collegium Regale); E, 6.30, Rev W. Boulton, Mag and ND (Jackson in G), A, Praise ye the Lord (Tye).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Darke in A minor), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, To Thee, O Lord God (Rachmaninov).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS: St Giles High Street (near Centre Point): HC, 8, 12 and 7.30; M, 11, Rev G. C. Taylor; E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15 and E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Byrd, Mass in 4 parts), Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST JAMES, Garlick Hill, City: HC 10.30, Prebendary D. C. Mossman.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: M, 11, TD (Moeran in E flat), A Justorum animae (Byrd), Rev C. Ford; HC 12.15.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45 the Vicar; M, 11.15, Rev A. Couch; E, 6.30, Mr N. Ingram-Smith.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev J. P. Hill; M, 11.15, the Rt Rev Harold Isherwood, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock); E, 6.30, Rev A. F. Davis, Blest are the departed (Spohr).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11, Prebendary F. Coventry; Messe des baryton (Duruflé), Mot, Ecce quomodo moritur (Handl); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15; Family Mattins, 11, Rev A. Pearson; E, 6, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11 (Sumsion in F), Bishop of Southwark.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11.15, Rev J. Arrowsmith.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11 and 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8 and 12.15; MP, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8 and 9; HM, 11, Missa super Je ne mange poinct de porc (Lassus), Rev D. Priest; E and B, 6, Rev H. Moore.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon ffrench-Beytagh, Missa Dominicalis (Viadana), O quam in pulchra es (Grandi).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev J. C. Gourlie; 6.30, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLusky.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott; HC, 12.30.

THE ORATORY, SW7: SM, 11, Mass in E flat (Schubert); V and B, 3.30, Mot, Ave verum corpus (Mozart).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin), Western Wind Mass (Taverner).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Mass in B flat (Turner); De profundis clamavi (Goller).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45, Missa Simile est regnum (Victoria), Mot, Scio enim [illegible].

ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH: 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists: 112, Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: Mass, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11, Sung Latin, 4.15 and 6.15; Noon, Father J. Christie, "The Happiness of the Faithful Departed".

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett; HC, 8 pm.

KINGSWAY HALL, WC (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Brian Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: HC, 11, Rev N. Allen Birtwhistle.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, Nov 5, 1952

Opening of Parliament

The Queen opened Parliament yesterday—a historic occasion in that it was the first time that her Majesty had performed this impressive ceremony. A new voice spoke from the throne in the changed surroundings of a new reign. But the new page of history was lightly turned, and still enriched with the age-old traditions in which Parliament, with all its ceremonial, is steeped. The conscious glance backwards was, fittingly, in the first sentence of the speech from the throne, as the Queen gratefully acknowledged the sympathy of her peoples and recalled the kingly example of her father, "which it will be my constant endeavour to follow". The crowded scene in the House of Lords was enlivened with a special air of expectancy and, long before the arrival of the Queen, every inch of space in the Chamber was occupied. Noble lords sat unblushingly on the steps of the gangways.

£5,000 Premium bond prizewinners

The £5,000 winners in the November Premium bonds draw are:

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The £1,000 winners are:

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OBITUARY

MR ERNEST KLEINWORT

Banking and support for wild life

Mr Ernest Kleinwort, the eminent banker, died suddenly at his home near Haywards Heath, Sussex, on Thursday, at the age of 76. He was the first chairman of the bank in the form it took in 1961 upon merger as Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale Limited. He was Chairman from that year until 1968, when his younger brother, Sir Cyril Kleinwort, succeeded him; and Ernest Kleinwort remained a director until 1974.

He went into the family banking concern of Kleinwort Sons and Co after being educated at Jesus College, Cambridge, and he became a partner in 1927 and remained until 1947, when he became acting chairman of Kleinwort, Sons & Co; and from 1961 to 1966 he was also chairman of Kleinwort Benson Ltd.

A powerful personality, with an incisive mind, he was chairman of the merged bank at a time of great opportunity and immense problems, and the growth of its prosperity and activities owed much to his leadership.

He became internationally known also as a conservationist and a great benefactor of the World Wildlife Fund. Impressive though his £250,000 gift to the fund in recent times was—he always wished it to be anonymous—it was by no means his only contribution, because he gave of his experience and judgment in the handling of investments in an unstinted manner which greatly added to the movement's strength. Much of his wide travel, for instance in East Africa, was motivated by his interest in wildlife and its preservation. He was, incidentally, no academic natural historian, but a practical man, and one with a great interest also in gardening.

Most importantly, he was an international trustee of the World Wildlife Fund from 1967, and it was in recognition of his work that he was made a commander of the Order of the Golden Ark by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 1974. He became this year a vice-president of the Fund, a life appointment; and he had been for ten years a vice-president of the Wildfowl Trust, and a vice-president since 1970.

Ernest Kleinwort married in 1932 Joan Nightingale, MBE, JP, daughter of the late Prof Arthur William Crossley; they had a son and a daughter.

SIR FREDERICK BOURNE

Sir Frederick Bourne, KCSI, CIE, the last of a long line of Britons to be Governors of Provinces in the Indian subcontinent, died on November 3 at the age of 85.

His career, which had been a distinguished one in the Indian Civil Service, included several such appointments in the closing years of British rule—he was selected for the last of these, as Governor of East Bengal, by the newly-created Pakistan Government. He was succeeded by a Pakistani, Sir Firoz Khan Noon, in 1950.

Five years later Sir Frederick Bourne was selected by the British Government to advise on constitutional aspects of the devolution of powers to the regions of the Gold Coast, including questions of federal government and a second Chamber, as requested by the Gold Coast Government. In three months he issued his report, proposing regional assemblies. The opposition refused to cooperate over the report. It was 15 months later that the Gold Coast Coloney and associated territories became an independent state, as Ghana.

Frederick Chalmers Bourne, son of Sir Frederick Bourne, CMG, was born on August 12, 1891, and was educated at Rugby and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated. In 1910 he joined the fourth battalion of The Royal West Kent Regiment, with which he served during the war, and his record with it was a factor in his selection, in 1920, for the Indian Civil Service. He was posted to the Punjab and in 1934 became secretary to the local government in the electricity and industries department. He was made deputy commissioner of the Lahore District in 1937 and three years later went back to the secretariat as secretary to the Home Department. In 1941 he was made chief secretary to the Government and he continued in that office until the spring of 1945. He next acted as governor of the Central Provinces and Berar. Early in 1946 he was acting head of the Government of Assam but in that year returned to Nagpur as substantive Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar.

When power was transferred in August, 1974, and the Pakistan Government appointed Bourne as temporary Governor of East Bengal, that province was confronted by urgent issues arising from the migration from and to it by Hindus and Moslems and the atrocities by which these treks were accompanied. He was a man of cool and sure judgment and quickly won the confidence of ministers, not least because of his constitutional rectitude. He and Lady Bourne, who survives him, were held in affection in the Province and the "temporary" appointment lasted nearly three years. Lady Bourne was formerly Miss Heather Burbury and they married in 1918.

Bourne accepted the chairmanship of the Pakistan Society in London on its formation in 1951. He became a member of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

SIR JACK SCAMP

Sir Arnold Weinstock writes:

If I had to describe in a single word what sort of a man was Jack Scamp, the word which comes at once to mind is "clean". Untouched by the grimy aspects of the industrial environment, uncorrupted by close contact with power in politics and the trade union movement, this quality made Jack trusted by everyone who had to do with him. More than that, his courtesy, unwillingness to think the worst of anybody, tolerance, good temper and good nature evoked extraordinarily widespread affection and respect.

Jack played a leading and vital role in the reconstruction and reorganization in the electrical industry from which the GEC emerged as at present constituted. The obituaries have listed his other well-known successes in the sixties and early seventies. But even after ill-health forced his retirement from the melee of day-to-day executive responsibility, he never refused an appeal for help. It was Jack Scamp, in retirement, who found the way out of the 1975 dispute involving the Newmarket stable lads and trainers; and his advice was sought and given only days ago in the trouble about musicians' pay which threatened to close down the Royal Opera House.

He was the product partly of his time and partly of his exceptional personal qualities. I doubt if we are likely to see another quite like him.

DR RONALD MacKEITH

D.M. writes:

The obituary of Dr Ronald MacKeith gives him, rightly, the appellation "an influential paediatrician". His delightful nature explains some of that influence; but how to describe it? He saw the human side in a clinical case before anything else and was more interested in this than the intellectual exercise of diagnosis; at least, he was so much affected by it in the care of neurological handicaps of children that he spent his life in trying to obtain practical solutions for their baffling problems from the experts of the world.

He was very sensitive, affectionate and kind and could be hurt, sometimes to the point of tears (well concealed) at the awfulness of the plight of a spastic child and distress of the parents.

His humour (his laughter at his own joke often impeding him in making it) and his bursts of anger made him all the more loved. Thousands who met him found, in spite of his importance and reputation, a man without the slightest crust of acquired personality, a wonderful unselfconsciousness and hence approachability by any one.

Ronnie MacKeith could never be the pin-stripe consultant. With his slight disorderliness of dress, adorned with a carnation, his image fits rather into one of Renoir's large canvases of friends enjoying themselves.

Science report

Cell biology: Construction of membranes

Biologists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have devised a test-tube system that will enable them to study the way cells put together their outer membranes. The cell membrane is the interface through which cells interact with their surroundings by means of a great diversity of proteins associated with the membrane. The question of how the proteins get into the membrane raises a number of logistic matters, which Dr James Rothman and Professor Harvey Lodish have been able to investigate by arranging for membrane components to be assembled en masse in laboratory glassware, instead of in cells.

For convenience they have studied the production of a protein made by a virus, instead of one made by a cell. Viruses which infect cells borrow the machinery of their hosts to manufacture proteins for insertion into the cell membrane by the same mechanisms that are used by the cell. Dr Rothman and Professor Lodish grew a virus known as vesicular stomatitis virus with fragments of animal cell membranes, to find out how one of its membrane proteins becomes inserted.

The protein in question belongs to a group that acquire spikes of carbohydrate which stick out from the end of the protein at the outer surface of the membrane. The question is how the machinery that makes the protein "knows", first that the protein is to be inserted into a membrane, and second, that it has to have carbohydrates stuck on it (become glycosylated).

Dr Rothman and Professor Lodish were able to show that the protein begins to be inserted in the membrane when it reaches a particular point in its manufacture. The rest of the protein is synthesized on to the initial part in the membrane. But if the manufacture of the protein proceeds beyond a certain point in the absence of membranes, it cannot be inserted in membranes added later. That implies that there may be a signal on the protein that dictates insertion into the membrane. Furthermore, proteins that miss insertion into the membrane do not become glycosylated either.

There is evidence from other research, using different systems, that the movements of proteins in cells are dictated by "signal" sequences on the protein chain. The signals would indicate which proteins were to remain in the cell membrane, for example, and which were to be secreted. The research of Dr Rothman and Professor Lodish, by indicating the part of the protein that seems to contain the signal sequence, may help to clarify how the sequences convey the signal.

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SPORT

Football

Villa and Ipswich at disadvantage with Spanish opposition

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

England's two remaining teams in the Uefa Cup will play Spanish opposition in the third round on November 23 and December 7. Ipswich Town meet Barcelona and Aston Villa play Atlético Bilbao.

This will be the second time this season that Ipswich face Spanish opponents, having beaten Las Palmas 4—3 on aggregate in the second round. Barcelona are likely to be much tougher. As an indication of that, last weekend Barcelona beat Las Palmas 5—0 in a Spanish league match although on Wednesday they were held to a 1—1 draw by a Dutch club, AZ 67 Alkmaar, in the Uefa Cup. They won the tie on penalties.

Barcelona are challenging to lead the Spanish league and are among the most powerful teams left in the Uefa Cup. They have drawn their players from a wide area of Europe and include two of the best in the world in Cruyff and Neeskens. They have also received the advantage of playing their second leg against Ipswich in Spain where they will know the size of their task.

Recent performances by Ipswich suggest they will need to win well at Portman Road if they are to have any chance of reaching the last eight. They have lost only one home league game this season whereas they are still awaiting their first away victory. However, their 3—3 draw in Las Palmas this week was encouraging and in Europe they are still considered a team to fear.

Aston Villa's chances of beating Atlético Bilbao are better now that their form is returning to that of last season. They are unbeaten in eight matches and their Uefa Cup defeat of Gornik Zabrze, of Poland, was commendable. The 1—1 second leg draw in Poland was especially satisfying after a physically testing match.

Last summer Villa played Atlético Bilbao in a pre-season competition in Spain and lost 2—0. Ron Saunders, their manager, said: "Having met them in that tournament, which they went on to win, we know we will have to play well to beat them." Villa are also drawn at home in the first leg.

Atlético reached the Uefa Cup final last season, losing to Juventus on away goals, but they suffered a 2—0 defeat by Ujpest Dozsa in the first leg of this season's second round before winning 3—0 after extra-time in Bilbao on Wednesday.

West Germany has three clubs left in the third round but one must be eliminated because the former European Cup holders, Bayern Munich, are drawn against Eintracht Frankfurt. They may also lose their third representatives, Eintracht Braunschweig, because they have to play PSV Eindhoven who impressively beat Widzew Lodz, of Poland, 6—3 on aggregate in the last round. Widzew had beaten Manchester City in the first round.

The draw

Eintracht Frankfurt v Bayern Munich
Magdeburg v Lens
Dinamo Tbilisi v Grasshoppers Zurich
PSV Eindhoven v Eintracht Braunschweig
Carl Zeiss Jena v Standard Liége
Bastia v Torino
Aston Villa v Atlético Bilbao
Ipswich Town v Barcelona

Ties to be played on November 23 and December 7.

Zurich, Nov 4.—The European Football Union (UEFA) will decide here next week whether Italy or England will host the 1980 final stages of the European championship, a UEFA spokesman said today. The draw for the composition of the qualifying groups, running from 1978 to 1980, will be made on November 18.—Reuter.

Linesmen at Stamford Bridge: Cooke (right) and Wilkins prepare for the visit of Nottingham Forest today.

Stormy passage ahead for all of the new recruits

By Norman Fox

At a recent estimate, the 92 Football League clubs were more than £16m in debt but the transfer market continues to prosper, and those who have argued for its continuation would say that a least the money stays in the game. This week alone, the richer clubs have negotiated transfers worth three quarters of a million pounds.

By the middle of next week the figure could be substantially increased if Tueart, an England winger, leaves Manchester City. One of those transferred, Ross, who moved from Arsenal for £170,000, is not even included in his new team, Everton. He was bought as a replacement in midfield for Rioch who returned to his former club, Derby County, for £150,000.

The transfer roundabout was reversed for Rioch less than a year after he had gone to Everton for £180,000. At least he is immediately given a place with his new, or old, team who, ironically, play Everton at the Baseball Ground. He may find his reappearance all the more difficult if a knee injury stops Todd playing in a defence already without McFarland.

One of the League's smallest and most industrious players, Flynn, is another appearing in new colours. He cost Leeds United £175,000 when he left Burnley this week and he takes over from Currie, one of Leeds's earlier expensive signings. A thigh strain and loss of form keeps Currie out of the team to play Norwich at Elland Road.

Arsenal's midweek recruit, Sunderland, bought from Wolverhampton Wanderers for £150,000, has to make his first appearance in the cauldron of Old Trafford, still warm from Wednesday's thrilling Uefa Cup tie.

Tueart has been the centre of much speculation since he became unsettled at Manchester City last summer. Aston Villa's manager, Ron Saunders, is probably keener than most to sign him for the second time—Mr Saunders was City's manager when Tueart was bought from Sunderland in 1974.

For the time being, Tueart has to play in the reserves against West Bromwich Albion who include Regis. Goals are not coming as easily to Regis as when he first appeared at the start of the season.

Most clubs are not risking being fined by the Football League for failing to finish matches because of the power crisis. Three from the first division will still kick off at 3.0. Coventry City and Derby County have their own generators but Manchester United are going ahead because they are in one of today's "non risk" areas.

Last night's results

Fourth division

Southend	(0) 0	Barnsley	(0) 0
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LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	15	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	30	11	[illegible]
Southend	16	8	5	3	18	9	21
Aldershot	16	8	4	4	19	10	20
Barnsley	16	8	3	5	21	15	19
Grimsby	16	8	3	5	19	16	19
Brentford	15	7	4	4	28	21	18

Scottish second division

Meadowbk	(0) 0	Berwick Jones (og) Smith	(1) 2

SCHOOLS: Alleyn's 2, Burnley GS 5.

RUGBY UNION: Schools: Sutton Valence 13, Salesian 4.

Capacity cut at Norwich

The crowd limit at Norwich City's Carrow Road ground has been cut from 30,000 to 19,000, but the club is to appeal immediately.

The Norfolk County Council have imposed the restriction, and stated that all games must be all-ticket, under the Safety of Sports Grounds regulations of 1976. The club chairman, Sir Arthur South, said: "I am astounded. We will appeal at once."

Tennis

Mrs King taken to the other side of midnight

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Palm Springs, Nov 4

Billy Jean King will play either Christine Evert or Dianne Fromholtz in the singles final of the inaugural championships sponsored by *Colgate*. Mrs King will concede at least 11 years. But, in terms of playing method, she will represent the modern, forecourt-oriented school of women tennis, founded by Alice Marble, against a young exponent of the ground-stroke tradition which older Americans will always associate with such players as Molla Mallory, Helen Wills and Maureen Connolly.

The final will also have historic significance in that, financially, it will raise the women's game to a new high watermark. The winner will collect £43,000, the loser £23,000. The championships have produced superb tennis and attracted increasingly respectable crowds. In other ways, they have been less satisfying.

Inevitably, the round robin format demanded a modest exercise of mental agility. Miss Evert and Virginia Wade confessed last evening that even the players did not fully understand it (this, incidentally, might reasonably be construed as negligence on their part). It is doubtful, too, if there has ever been another big event so bedevilled by changed line decisions.

The glare caused by floodlights has made the line judges' task unusually difficult. But that comes under the heading of extenuating circumstances. It does not clear the officials of guilt. Finally, the chilly air of the desert night has taken much of the pleasure out of the occasion.

By 12.45 this morning, when Mrs King completed a 7—6, 4—6, 6—1, win over Kerry Reid, most of the refrigerated spectators had left the premises—in spite of the drama and beauty of a fine match spread before them. It was Mrs King's 17th consecutive singles victory. She was more flexible and resourceful than Mrs Reid and played particularly well on the important points.

But had Mrs Reid seized her chances in the first set, Mrs King might not have acquired the confidence to play as well as she did. Mrs Reid had a break point for 5—3 and a set point at 5—4. In the tie break, she momentarily lead 3—1 and prepared to serve two points which, under the sudden death system, could have given her the set.

But the decision was changed and Mrs Reid, as vexed as her serene nature would allow, had to serve from the far less promising position of two points each. She was admirably tenacious after that. Even the third set was much tougher than the score suggests. But the twist in the plot at the end of the first set undoubtedly affected the morale of both.

An even better match was that in which Miss Evert, the United States champion, beat Miss Wade, the Wimbledon champion, by 1—6, 6—4, 6—4 in an hour and 52 minutes. This contest, too, was punctuated by disturbing amendments to line decisions. In the *first set Miss Wade broke to 3—1* when a decision was changed after Miss Evert had "won" the point to reach deuce. Suddenly achieving an irresistible momentum, Miss Wade won 10 consecutive points and, shortly afterwards, the set. "She just wiped me off the court," Miss Evert said.

Miss Evert then made a mighty effort of will, raised the level of her game and began to scamper about the court more briskly than she had done in the first set. For a set and a half, the match achieved a thrilling splendour with Miss Wade straining to reassert her authority but never managing to break up the rhythm the stout-hearted American was imposing on the rallies.

Miss Evert was hitting through her previously tentative forehand. She narrowly, but deservedly, won the second set. But in the third, Miss Wade launched a booming assault and Miss Evert, having lost 11 of the first 12 points, was reduced to 0—2 and 15—40 down. Miss Evert played two crisply-effective points to deprive Miss Wade of the break.

Controversial decisions marred the progress of the match. Miss Evert's more amiable disposition was less effected. "I handled the *close calls better than she did.* That made the difference", she said later. A crucial incident occurred when Miss Evert, serving at 1—3, reached 30—30 after serving what Miss Wade considered a fault.

Miss Wade made a fuss, was disconcerted and lost four consecutive games. She settled down again and, luckily, broke back for 4—5. But the important questions on the examination paper had already been answered. For all the irksome sides, it was a superb match, decided, if one facet must be isolated, by Miss Evert's emotional fortitude.

Miss Fromholtz—who had two points for a 3—0 lead in the third set but "tightened up", as she put it—was beaten 6—4, 3—6, 6—3 by Martina Navratilova, who had a more versatile, all-court game. So Miss Fromholtz must beat Miss Wade in the remaining series of round robin matches in order to qualify for the final at the expense of Miss Evert, whom she beat on the first day.

PARIS: B. Gottfried beat R. Lutz, 6—4, 7—5; J. Borowiak beat B. Bartram, 6—4, 6—4; M. Cox beat P. Barthes, 7—5, 6—3; C. Barazzutti beat C. Sylvan, 6—2, 6—3.

COLOGNE: Quarter-final round: C. J. Mottram beat T. Svensson, 1—6, 6—1, 7—6; B. Taroczy beat S. Mayer, 6—3, 6—4.

TOKYO: Manuel Orantes beat G. Dibley, 6—4, 6—2; H. Solomon beat S. Smith, 6—3, 6—1; R. Warwick beat R. Tanner, 6—1, 3—6, 6—3; T. Gullikson beat V. Zednik, 6—1, 7—5.

Cricket

QC offers answers to twenty questions

By John Hennessy

Mr Andrew Morritt, QC, resuming his closing speech in the Packer High Court trial yesterday, returned to the "twenty questions" with which he had begun his address on Wednesday. They were questions which, in his submission, had to be answered before Mr Justice Slade could decide whether to find for his clients, Mr Kerry Packer and three of his players, or for the defendants, the International Cricket Conference (ICC) and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

To start with, Mr Morritt went through a Packer contract and invited the judge to disregard the claim, on behalf of the defendants, that there was no obligation on the part of World Series Cricket (Mr Packer's associates) and that, therefore, the contracts could be held to be invalid. The language of the contract, with never a resort to the conditional tense, left no doubt about WSC's commitment. The contracts were valid "without a shadow of a doubt".

In dealing with the second question, whether or not the ICC had intended to induce a breach of contract, Mr Morritt referred to a case in which a third party (one Boycott) had been found to have induced a breach between a master and his slave, although the contract was voidable. The inducement remained.

On a possible plea of justification, Mr Morritt would not accept that the fact that "they *did* what they *did* in the best interests of cricket" was material. They had had no duty imposed by law, they had had no contractual rights. As to the claim that the players had had a moral obligation to remain loyal to established cricket, he thought it "wrong and in any case no justification".

There was a lively exchange between the judge and Mr Morritt when counsel came to deal with whether or not the ICC had any interest to protect. Mr Morritt cited the case of George Eastham and the football authorities some years ago and developed an argument that the judge thought an "extraordinary proposition".

Mr Morritt sought to draw a distinction between professional and amateur bodies, whereupon the judge asked if the ICC had not a right to protect the profitability of matches they promoted. When Mr Morritt pursued the matter, the judge remarked that it was an "artificial concept". The authorities, Mr Morritt said, had claimed that they were imposing bans in order to protect their own interests.

He argued that the bans would damage their interests, not only in the short term, as they admitted, but also arguably in the long term. Theirs was a "dog in the manger" attitude. Earlier, Mr Morritt had questioned the significance of the vote of the Cricketers' Association in favour of a county ban. There had been 175 players at the meeting and they had voted for the ban by 91-77.

When he construed that as a majority of only seven for the ban over those who had voted against or abstained, the judge intervened to say: "One can't *tell. Those seven may have had* to catch trains or gone for a drink". The court rose at 3.30 because of a power cut and will resume on Monday morning. The hearing is now expected to end on Tuesday.

'Special' wicket poses problem for Packer series

Sydney, Nov 4.—With only 20 days left before the first match in Kerry Packer's cricket series, no tickets have yet been sold because of legal battles, and there is mounting concern about his unique, "hot-house" wicket in Melbourne.

The wicket, grown in massive concrete vats, should have been moved 600 metres from the hot house and sunk into the ground of the Oval where the first of his matches is due to be played.

Packer had hoped to move the wickets by hovercraft, but technical problems have forced him to resort to cranes. John Maley, who suggested the hot-house wickets, admits he wanted to have them in position a week ago so they could settle properly. Maley hopes they can be laid early next week.—Reuter.

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Queensland, 388 for 6 (D. Ogilvie 194) v Victoria.

Blewett holds S Australian innings together

Adelaide, Nov 4.—South Australia, who had slumped to 100 for six, recovered to make 223 all out against the Indian cricketers on the opening day of their four-day match here today. At close of play, the Indians, as with Gavaskar 18 not out, had replied with 40 for one.

The spinning skills of Bedi, Prasanna and Chandrasekhar quickly had the South Australians struggling. Their innings was held together by Blewett who made 72 in 176 minutes, including six fours. But he was missed twice off Chandrasekhar when he had scored 46.

The Indians' ground fielding was excellent, but several catches were dropped. The best of the three spin bowlers was Prasanna, who confounded many of the Australian players.

SCORES: South Australians, 223 (R. Blewett 72; E. A. S. Prasanna 4 for 68); Indians, 40 for 1.—Reuter.

Rugby Union

Rosslyn Park and Rodgers reluctantly part company

Tony Rodgers, the Rosslyn Park lock forward, plays his last game for the club today when they meet the John Player Cup holders, Gosforth, at Roehampton. Rodgers, who has spent five successful years at Park, intends to rejoin Bedford where he played in 1971.

Business commitments and the 120-mile round trip from his home near Cambridge have reluctantly forced Rodgers to leave the London club.

"I played my best rugby at the club under the leadership of Phil Keith-Roach. There is no better forward motivator and in my view *he is the best pack coach in the game.*"

Rodgers, 31, who works for the Cambridge University Estates Department, first played for Rosslyn Park as a 19-year-old before going up to Cambridge where he won three Blues. He played for the now defunct England under-23 side, the Barbarians and has been a regular member of the Eastern Counties pack. He gained a final England trial two seasons ago and just missed out on a full cap.

Rosslyn Park play Gosforth without Ripley, who dislocated a finger playing for Middlesex in midweek. *But the England under-23 lock, Scott, returns.*

The county champions, Lancashire, who had their grip on the title surprisingly loosened by the 12-7 defeat to Yorkshire last week, will be without their full back, Gullick, for the crucial match with Cheshire at Manchester. Gullick failed a late fitness test on a shoulder injury and Tickle, of Waterloo, makes his first appearance. In their only other change, Briers is recalled in place of the England under-23 wing, Carleton.

With two other matches to play, Yorkshire hold a one-point lead over Lancashire, Cheshire and Northumberland in one of the tightest Northern group battles for years.

Eddie Butler, the Cambridge University secretary, returns to lead Cambridge today in their match against London Scottish at Richmond. Butler, who has led the side in the absence of Hignell for the past month, missed his first game for the University last week with a badly cut knee. Two other experienced forwards, Heath and Horsthuis, also return after injury.

Oxford University make one change from the side beaten by Gloucester last week for their match against Cardiff at Iffley Road. Thomas, who played for Bristol at the end of last season, *comes in for Edwards at full* back.

Athletics

Edinburgh fail in attempt to stage 1982 event

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent

Britain's attempt to persuade the European Athletics Association (EAA) to select Edinburgh as the host city for the 1982 European athletics championships failed yesterday. The association, meeting in Seville, awarded the event to Athens.

British hopes had been reasonably high as it was the first attempt by the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) to secure the championships, which are second in importance only to the Olympic Games. Representatives of each of the four cities, Athens, Edinburgh, Lille and Munich, were allowed 10 minutes to present their case yesterday before a vote was taken by the 14-member council of the EAA.

Since the European championships were last held at Athens, in 1969, they have been staged only twice more; at Helsinki in 1971, and at Rome in 1974. Next year they will take place at Prague, and return to Athens in 1982.

Although the EAA could have had little doubt about the ability of Edinburgh to stage the championships successfully, they may have felt that the holding of the European Cup finals there in 1973 was just a little too recent for a return, for a big European event, even after nine years. Lille were planning a new sports complex, but the French may have been similarly penalized by the fact that the European Cup finals were held at Nice in 1975.

That left only Munich, and as the Olympics were held there in 1972, the World Cup also in West Germany (Düsseldorf) this year, the Germans seem already to have had a fair share of important international events.

The secretary-general of the Greek Athletics Federation, Mr Evangelos Mihael, said he was suprised and delighted with the result of a secret ballot of council members. "We had a hard fight against much bigger and richer countries, so, of course, we are very pleased", he added. No date has yet been set for the championships. They will be held at Athens' new Olympic stadium. Council sources said Edinburgh was eliminated first and did not get a single vote.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Mr K. Borthwick, who headed a four-man delegation to help present the city's case, said he was shattered by the decision. "But the council is full of very expert people and they can choose exactly what they want. It seems we just didn't have it", he said.

Hockey

Early crisis for some in county championship

By Sydney Friskin

Several teams will be battling for survival when the county hockey championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox, reopens today and tomorrow. For some the crisis seems to have come a little too soon; the hopes of others have already been shattered.

In the Eastern, Southern and Midland areas where the competition is split into two groups, the sense of urgency is more acute. The most poignant situation probably exists in group two of the southern division where Kent have lost a match and Surrey and Middlesex have drawn to leave Berkshire the only team with a win.

So, Surrey are aware of the gravity of the occasion as they prepare to meet Kent at Gore Court tomorrow. Kent hope to be reinforced by Saldanha, whose midfield authority was sadly missed when they were beaten 3-1 by Berkshire a fortnight ago. Middlesex, with Thomson available, have a talented side on view, but they will need to match the sharpness of Berkshire whom they meet at Eastcote.

Buckinghamshire and Hampshire, each with a victory in hand, meet at Slough where the outcome of what is likely to be a close and exciting match should settle the issue in this group. The much improved Oxfordshire side are expected to beat Sussex at Henley-on-Thames.

Hertfordshire's chances in the Eastern division depend on a big victory over Lincolnshire at Skegness, but the *odds* in this group favour the winners of the Suffolk-Cambridgeshire match at Cranes, Ipswich. Each have a victory to their credit, whereas Hertfordshire have already lost to Cambridgeshire. If Bedfordshire beat Essex at Luton they should finish on top of the other group.

Much to everyone's surprise, Nottinghamshire have no chance of retaining the title in the Midlands where Worcestershire and Staffordshire are concerned in a winner-take-all group match at Worcester. Likewise, in the other group either Shropshire or Leicestershire will emerge winners from the match at Bridgnorth.

The best match in the Northern area where the competition is played on an all-play-all basis, is the one at Northern Club, Liverpool, where Lancashire are at home today to Yorkshire. Two seasons ago, also at Liverpool, Lancashire beat Yorkshire 6—4 in a remarkable match after being two goals down. There is a concourse of western teams today and tomorrow at Weymouth where the best chances rest with Wiltshire, the champions, Devon and Somerset, in a complicated system which demands only four matches from each of the seven teams involved.

Golf

Australians in lead after second round

Sydney, Nov 4.—Three Australians, Peter Thomson, Jack Newton and Geoffrey Smart, shared the lead with a total of 138 after the second round of the New South Wales open golf championship here today.

The 47-year-old Thomson, surprised even his most ardent admirers with a brilliant round of 66 (six under par). Bob Shearer, the winner of last week's West Lakes tournament, also had a round of 66 and is in equal fourth place at five-under for the tournament.

LEADING SCORES (Australian unless stated): 138: J. Newton, 69, 69, P. Thomson, 72, 66; G. Smart, 70, 68. 139: A. Randall Vines, 71, 68; S. Ginn, 72, 67; W. Dunk, 70, 69; B. Burgess, 69, 70; R. Shearer 73, 66. 140: R. Davis, 72, 68; G. Hamilton (Canada), 69, 71; H. Underwood (US), 72, 68; A. May, 68, 72; G. Burrows (US) 71, 69.

Trevino moves five strokes ahead of field

Rabat, Nov 4.—Lee Trevino took a five-stroke lead over fellow American Billy Casper after the third round of the King Hassan Trophy golf tournament at the Dar es Salam club here today.

"I was playing exceptionally well", Trevino said after scoring a 70, three-under-par, with five birdies for a total of 210. Casper, who shared the overnight lead with Trevino, dropped back with a 75.

LEADING SCORES: 210, L. Trevino (US), 69, 71, 70; 215, W. Casper (US), 67, 73, 75; 217, C. Strange (US), 73, 71, 73; S. Ballesteros (Spain), 70, 74, 73; 219, R. Allin (US), 71, 72, 76; J. Garaialde (France), 71, 74, 74; 220, M. Ballesteros (Spain), 71, 70, 79; A. Gallardo (Spain), 72, 72, 76; R. Cerrudo (US), 69, 77, 74; 221, P. Jacobsen (US), 70, 76, 75; N. Faldo (GB), 71, 74, 76; 224, P. Toussaint (Belgium) 73, 77, 74; 225, E. P. Acosta (Mexico), 70, 77, 78.—Reuter.

Golf

BUENOS AIRES: 68: J. Quinteros. 69: M. Gregson (GB); 70: J. L. Ruiz, C. Libertho. Other British scores: 71: S. Lyle, D. Chillas, G. Hunt.

Squash rackets

SYDNEY: Australian open championship: Semi-final round: G. Hunt beat Ahmed Safwat, 9—6, 9—7, 9—0. R. Watson beat C. Nancarrow, 9—0, 9—5, 9—1.

Boxing

RANDERS, DENMARK: Light-heavyweight: (10 round) Mustapha Wasajja beat Bunny Sterling, points; light-middle: Ayub Kalule beat Miguel Castellini, fourth round.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sabres 4, Boston Bruins 1; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Washington Capitals 1; Los Angeles Kings 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Birmingham v Wolves (2.30) ....
Chelsea v Nottm Forest (2.15) ..
Coventry v West Ham ....
Derby v Everton ....
Ipswich v Manchester C (2.30) ..
Leeds v Norwich (2.0) ....
Liverpool v Aston Villa (2.30) ..
Manchester Utd v Arsenal ......
Middlesbrough v QPR (2.15) ....
Newcastle v Bristol City (2.30) ..
West Bromwich v Leicester (2.30)

Second division

Blackburn v Southampton (2.30)
Blackpool v Sheffield Utd (2.30) ..
Bristol Rovers v Millwall (2.30) ..
Cardiff v Stoke (2.15) ....
Charlton v Mansfield ....
Fulham v Sunderland (2.15) ....
Luton v Hull City (2.30) ....
Notts Co v Brighton (2.30) ......
Oldham v C Palace (2.30) ......
Orient v Bolton (2.30) ....
Tottenham v Burnley ....

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Alton v Chertsey; [illegible] v [illegible]; Windsor and Eton; Harefield United v [illegible]; [illegible] Borough v [illegible]; Grays v [illegible]; [illegible] v Burnham (2.15); [illegible] Manor; Uxbridge v [illegible] (2.15).

Third division

Bury v Rotherham (2.15) ......
Chesterfield v Bradford (2.30) ..
Exeter v Oxford Utd (2.30) ....
Lincoln v Chester ....
Peterboro v Cambridge (2.30) ..
Portsmouth v Tranmere ....
Port Vale v Preston (2.30) ......
Sheffield Wed v Carlisle (2.30) ..
Shrewsbury v Hereford (2.30) ..
Swindon v Gillingham ....
Walsall v Colchester (2.45) ......
Wrexham v Plymouth ....

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Appleby Frodingham Ath v Mossley (2.30); Arnold v Telford (2.30); [illegible] v Banbury (2.45); Bishop Auckland v [illegible] (2.30); [illegible] Wood v Dartford (2.30); [illegible] v AP Leamington; Burscough v Morecambe; Chelmsford v Folkestone and Shepway; Grantham v Burton; [illegible] v Barnet (2.30); Hendon v Billericay; Hitchin v Kettering (2.30); Horsham v Enfield (2.30); Leatherhead v Cheshunt; Letchworth Gdn City v Enderby; Lowestoft v Bishops Stortford (2.30); Marine v Witton Alb; Merthyr Tydfil v Bath (2.30); [illegible] v Stafford Rangers (2.30); [illegible] v [illegible] (2.30); Runcorn v Altrincham (2.30); Salisbury v Minehead; Spennymoor United v Bangor City; Tilbury v Tonbridge (2.30); Tooting and M v Sutton United; Wealdstone v Maidstone (2.30); Worcester v Weymouth (2.30); [illegible].

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Frickley v S Liverpool (2.30); Gainsborough Trinity v [illegible]; Macclesfield v Barrow; Netherfield v Scarborough; [illegible] v Lancaster (2.30).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Bradfieldians v [illegible]; [illegible] v Lancing OB; Old Etonians v Old Carthusians; Old Foresters v [illegible]; Old Malvernians v Old Aldenhamians.

Fourth division

Bournemouth v Stockport ......
Brentford v York (2.30) ....
Crewe v Rochdale ....
Halifax v Doncaster ....
Hartlepool v Watford (2.30) ....
Northampton v Newport ....
Reading v Darlington (2.30) ....
Scunthorpe v Huddersfld (2.30) ..
Southport v Aldershot (2.0) ......
Torquay v Grimsby (2.30) ......
Wimbledon v Swansea ....

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Croydon v Woking (2.30); Hayes v Dagenham; Kingstonian v Walthamstow Avenue (2.30); Slough Town v Carshalton Athletic; Staines Town v Barking; Wycombe Wanderers v Leytonstone. First division: Aveley v Oxford City; Bromley v Ware; Chesham United v Corinthian-Casuals; Clapton v Wembley; Dulwich Hamlet v Maidenhead United (2.30); Harwich Town v Harrow Borough; Harwich and Parkeston v Finchley; Hertford Town v Walton and Hersham (2.30); Ilford v Wokingham Town (2.30); St Albans City v Hornchurch. Second division: Egham Town v Molesey; Farnborough Town v Epsom and Ewell (3.30); Feltham v Tring Town; Hemel Hempstead v Rainham Town; Metropolitan Police v Eastbourne United; Willesden v Epping Town.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. Premier Division: Atherstone v Hillingdon (2.30); Cheltenham v Dover; Hastings v Bedford; Redditch v Gravesend. First Division. North: Bridgend v Dunstable; Bromsgrove v Wellingborough; Cambridge City v Kidderminster; Oswestry v King's Lynn; Stourbridge v Barry; Tamworth v Milton Keynes; Witney v Bedworth (2.30). South: Basingstoke v Dorchester; Bognor Regis v Trowbridge; Canterbury v Poole; Crawley v Hounslow; Margate v Aylesbury; Romford v Addlestone; Taunton v Ashford.

Scottish premier division

Ayr v St Mirren ....
Clydebank v Hibernian ....
Dundee Utd v Aberdeen ....
Motherwell v Celtic..............
Rangers v Partick Th............

Scottish first division

Airdrie v East Fife (2.30) ......
Arbroath v Hamilton (2.30) ....
Hearts v Kilmarnock (2.30) ....
Morton v Montrose (2.30) ......
Queen of S v Dumbarton (2.0) ..
St Johnstone v Alloa (2.30) ....
Stirling Alb v Dundee (2.30) ....

Scottish second division

Brechin v Forfar (2.30)..........
Clyde v Queen's Park............
Dunfermline v Cowdenbeath (2.30)
Falkirk v E. Stirling (2.30) ....
Raith v Stenhousemuir ....
Stranraer v Albion Rovers (2.30)

FA VASE: First round replays (2.15): Chalfont St Peter v Didcot Town; Heathside Sports v Bowers United; Heybridge Swifts v Coggeshall Town; Royston Town v Rushden Town; Stotfold v Haverhill Rovers (3.0).

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Shildon v Consett; Tow Law Town v Whitley Bay; Evenwood v Billingham; Durham City v Ashington; Penrith v South Bank; West Auckland v North Shields; Willington v Whitby.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Preliminary round: Old Chigwellians v Old *Wellingburians.*

Rugby Union

County championship
Cumbria v Durham, Penrith, 2.30
Lancashire v Cheshire (Manchester, 2.30)
Northumberland v Yorkshire (Gosforth, 2.30)
Kent v Middlesex (Blackheath, 2.30)

Club matches
Abertillery v Pontypridd
Birkenhead Pk v Wilmslow (3.30)
Birmingham v Bedford (2.45)
Bristol v Bridgend (2.45)
Cheltenham v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Coventry v London Welsh
Cross Keys v Newbridge (2.30)
Exeter v Taunton
Fylde v Otley (2.30)
Halifax v Wakefield (2.30)
Harlequins v Bath (2.30)
Headingley v Broughton Pk (2.30)
Leicester v Gloucester (2.30)
Liverpool v Waterloo (2.30)
Llanelli v Richmond
London Irish v Saracens (2.45)
Ldn Scottish v Cambridge U (2.45)
Manchester v Nuneaton (11.0)
Met Police v Plymouth Alb (2.30)
Moseley v Newport (2.30)
New Brighton v Rugby (2.30)
Northampton v Aberavon (2.45)
Nottingham v Bradford (2.30)
Oxford Univ v Cardiff (2.30)
Orrell v W Hartlepool (2.30)
Penarth v Maesteg
Rosslyn Pk v Gosforth (2.45)
Roundhay v Percy Pk (2.30)
St Lukes Coll v Wasps (2.30)
Sale v Harrogate

Scottish first division
Boroughmuir v Highland
Hawick v Jordanhill
Heriot's FP v Gala
Melrose v Langholm
Stewarts Mel FP v Watsonians
West of Scot v Kilmarnock

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Lancashire v Yorkshire (at Northern Club, Liverpool, 2.0). West: Cornwall v [illegible] (at Marsh, Weymouth, 2.0); [illegible] v Somerset (at Redlands, Weymouth, 2.0).

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v [illegible]; Cambridge University v [illegible]; [illegible]; Hounslow v Southgate; [illegible] University v Old Kingstonians; [illegible]; Oxford University v [illegible]; [illegible] Blackheath; [illegible]; [illegible] Hill v Teddington.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: County championship: Berkshire v Hampshire (at [illegible]); [illegible] v Oxfordshire (at [illegible]).

Race walking

[illegible]

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Cheadle; [illegible]; Old Stopfordians v [illegible]; Old Waconians v South Manchester and Wythenshawe; [illegible]. SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Blackheath v Purley; Kenton v [illegible] Hill; London University v Lee; Oxford University v Croydon.

Golf

Cambridge University v [illegible] Mid-Surrey GC (at [illegible]); Oxford and Cambridge GS meeting (at Southfield).

Cross-country

Kent veterans 5 mile championship (at [illegible]).

Rackets

Noel Bruce Cup qualifying competition (at Queen's Club).

Road running

Priory Road, Bracknell "10".

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.20)
Racing: Cheltenham races at 1.0, 1.30, 2.5, 2.40
Gymnastics: World Cup, Oviedo, Spain (1.10, about 2.50)
Rally cross: Lydden meeting (1.40, 2.15, about 2.50)
Rugby League: Widnes v Castleford (3.30)
Football: Match of the Day (10.10)

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35)
Australian Rules Football: Collingwood v North Melbourne (1.0)
Racing: Doncaster races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Windsor races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Wrestling: Chester promotion (4.0)

BBC—tomorrow
Rugby Union: Moseley v Newport (4.50)

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.15)
Boxing: Young v Norton (3.15)

Tomorrow

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Torquay Athletic v Wasps; Swansea v Blackheath (2.30).

Rugby League

JOHN PLAYER COMPETITION: Second round: Bradford Northern v Workington Town (2.45); Featherstone Rovers v St Helens (2.30); Huddersfield v Oldham; Keighley v Leigh (3.15); Wakefield T v Cawoods (Hull, 3.30); Warrington v Salford; Wigan v New Hunslet.

SECOND DIVISION: Huyton v Swinton (2.30).

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Cheshire v Northumberland (at Winnington); Cumbria v Durham (at Carlisle). Midlands: Worcestershire v Staffordshire (at Worcester); Northamptonshire v Derbyshire (at Northampton); Shropshire v Leicestershire (at Bridgnorth); Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire (at South Notts). West: Gloucestershire v Cornwall (at Marsh, Weymouth, 11.0); Hereford v Devon (at Redlands, Weymouth, 3.0); Dorset v Wiltshire (at Redlands, Weymouth, 3.30). East: Bedfordshire v Essex (at Luton); Lincolnshire v Hertfordshire (at Skegness); Suffolk v Cambridgeshire (at Cranes, Ipswich). South: Buckinghamshire v Hampshire (at Slough); Oxfordshire v Sussex (at Henley-on-Thames); Middlesex v Berkshire (at Eastcote); Kent v Surrey (at Gore Court).

Globetrotters who aim to beat next man in widening golf circuit

Chasing the sun round the world

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

There used to be a saying—it is probably old hat by now—to the effect: "Join the Army and see *the world." It always struck* me as slightly bogus because, although true enough, it obscured the fact that the Army's main job was concerned with violence in one form or another or the prevention of it.

I get the same feeling about far-flung golfers at this time of year. Professional golf provides a wonderful chance for young men to see the world, thanks to managers and the willingness of the third world to pay well for a chance to see the game properly played. But, as with the Army, the lure of travel can obscure the less palatable fact that the golfer's main job, if he is a touring professional, is to beat the next man.

There are of course other good reasons for escaping to warmer climates in the winter when the home course may lie under frost or mud and a good swing may become distorted by high winds and muscular pains. Some stick it out at home—Neil Coles is a shining example—and thrive on it, but most of those who are still making their way with some success, and a few who are not, get away for a bit during the next four months. Opportunities are not lacking.

At the moment Faldo, Townsend and Darcy are enjoying the balmy air of Rabat. A group which includes Lyle, the newest professional recruit, is in Argentina for that country's Open championship, and they will be joined by others next week at the Brazilian Open. Another little group, headed by Ingram will soon be off to the Sierra Leone Open (November 12-13).

In another direction, Barnes, O'Leary, McClelland, H. Clark and Foster have their sights set on Australia for a few tournaments, the biggest target being the Australian Open (November 17-20), preceded by their PGA championship and followed by another Colgate tournament.

The South African circuit is already well advanced. It has seen better years, and the closeness of its Open (November 10-13) to the Australian Open has not helped the South Africans. But they have their loyal supporters, among them Job, Humphreys, [illegible], N. Hunt, and [illegible] and this year they were joined by Jacklin and Dawson.

Jacklin did not shine and has, I understand, returned to his fireside in Jersey. Wanderlust may hit him again next year with the possibility of a return to the American sun-trail for the Crosby (still carrying on) from January 19-22, and the Phoenix in Arizona the week before. There is also talk of exhibitions for him in [illegible] in the [illegible] year, but one gets the impression that for all his mid-Atlantic tightrope walking, the theme next season will once again be Europe.

Another chance to widen horizons occurs when the World Cup takes place in Manila (December 7-11): Dawson (from Australia) and Faldo will be paired for England, along with three other home international [illegible] and K. Brown for Scotland, Vaughan and DeFoy for Wales, and the Irishmen, Darcy and Polland.

What special preparation are they giving themselves for that event? I do not know, but if I were their coach I should make them stand for five hours in a Turkish bath [illegible] who half understands English, and follow this with a not easily digested evening meal, served very slowly. [illegible] sleep in a slightly refrigerated room to match American air-conditioning.

From there it will be only a short hop to Taipeh, where the Taiwanese hold their PGA championship to which all from Manila *have been invited. But Christmas* will be exerting its annual tug by then—on the married ones at least. If I had to back one member of the British TPD to soldier on far from home at that time and take part in the New Zealand Open (December 15-18) in Auckland, I would pick Bembridge.

However, his winter trail may be shortened now he is married. His tracks have always been hard to follow, but he is expected in Tobago for the pro-am there in January. That is the season for those events—a good time for them whether it be in the West Indies or that popular series in the Portuguese Algarve—and a number of our better professionals have been attracted to them.

There will hardly be time to get back to Britain and unfreeze the pipes *before the Safari circuit* starts up in Central Africa. The curtain-raiser is a two-day affair in Gambia (geography should be a compulsory subject for anyone trying to qualify in the professional golfers' school). Those dates are February 11-12, and between then and the end of March five more tournaments will be played in successive weeks in Liberia, Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia. The difficulties of travel and accommodation in these parts are offset by the magnitude of the prize list, which is out of proportion to the quality of the entry and therefore all the more attractive to the adventurer.

With so much going on I cannot see many Britons finding it worthwhile to take part in the Asian circuit. This also starts in February with the Philippines Open, whence it flows westward in successive weeks through Hong-kong, Bangkok, to India, returning via Singapore, Indonesia, China to Korea towards the end of April. By that time the European circuit should be under way, always allowing for coups d'etat and for all-out strikes by air hostesses, ticket collectors or caddies.

Racing

Count Kinure will not catch Francome unawares this time

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Sixteen runners will contest the steeplechase for the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham today. This will be the largest field that this coveted trophy has attracted for 17 years. So open is the race in my view that it would be possible to draw up a short list of at least half a dozen runners and still miss the winner. So it is with no great confidence that I pin my hopes on Count Kinure, who will have to carry a little overweight in return for the services of a former champion jockey, John Francome.

Anyone who saw Count Kinure run away with Francome at Ascot 10 days ago and complete a full circuit of the course before the start of his race will be understandably wary about backing him. However, after that unhappy experience Francome is bound to be more on his guard than ever this afternoon as he takes Count Kinure out on to the course. He should be able to prevent the seven-year-old from getting up to his antics.

If his exuberance can be contained and channeled into an all out effort at the right moment Count Kinure has the ability to give his backers a good run for their money. In spite of everything Count Kinure still managed to finish only two lengths behind Isle of Man at Ascot and in the circumstances that was a praiseworthy performance. Before that he had won at Stratford-on-Avon and Cheltenham.

Anyone who does not fancy the idea of taking a chance with Count Kinure, could do worse than take a chance with either Tom Morgan or Bachelor's Hall. Tom Morgan won the Grand Annual Steeplechase on the first day of the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in March. He has been sent on a long journey from Roxburghshire for this race and I know that his trainer, Ken Oliver, would not have undertaken this venture without first giving it a lot of thought.

Tom Morgan will be ridden by Ron Barry, who is adamant that today's distance is his ideal race and Tom Morgan will certainly strip fitter than when he finished unplaced at Newcastle towards the end of last month. Bachelor's Hall will also be sharper than when he finished fourth in a hurdle race at Stratford last month. Last year he won a good race over today's distance at Liverpool, but with a much lighter weight than he has today.

Graigue House and Corrieghoil can also be expected to run well. Graigue House may be flattered by his recent performance against Fort Devon at Newbury and a truer reflection of his chance could easily be his previous race at Cheltenham where he beat Corrieghoil by four lengths. Corrieghoil has been allowed 6 lb for that defeat.

At Ascot, Count Kinure had Tip the Wink behind when Early Spring was pulled up. The ground may not be soft enough for Tip the Wink, but Early Spring can be expected to run much better this time.

STATE OF GOING (official): Doncaster: good to soft. Cheltenham: good to firm. Windsor: good to soft. Wolverhampton: good to firm (steeplechase course, good to firm (hurdles straight) good (remainder). Fontwell Park: good to soft.

Invincible should live up to his name

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
St Cloud, Nov 4

I believe Invincible will live up to his name and win the Prix Thomas Bryon at St Cloud tomorrow. He will be given plenty to do by the more experienced Kenmare and I also expect fair performances from Kehaar and Nar, who will be ridden by Lester Piggott.

Maurice Zilber is already talking about Invincible as a possible for next year's Derby. The son of Vaguely Noble has appeared just once in the Prix Maravedis at Maisons-Laffitte on August 14. He won this race without being extended and the runner-up that day, Ethnarch, like Invincible, owned by Nelson Bunker Hunt, was today successful in the Prix Pitchoury, also at Maisons-Laffitte.

After wins at St Cloud and Deauville, Kenmare took on top class company in the group one Prix de la Salamandre. He was beaten under half a length in that event by John de Coombe and Bilal, but finished a length and a half in front of Super Concorde. However, Super Concorde had complete revenge when winning the Grand Critérium four weeks later and in that race Kenmare was no closer than fifth.

Kehaar is a stable companion of the Grand Critérium runner-up, Pyjama Hunt. On October 1 at Longchamp, Kehaar ran an honest race to finish third to Noir et Or and Orange Marmalade in the Prix Saint-Roman. Orange Marmalade was not disgraced when subsequently finishing a close fourth to Dactylographer in the William Hill Futurity Stakes at Doncaster.

Amazing Sea Pigeon to overcome weight, going and 20 opponents

By Michael Seely

Sea Pigeon can prove himself to be a gelding extraordinary by capturing the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster this afternoon. Pat Muldoon's remarkable seven-year-old is jousting against both history and the weather in his attempt to beat his 20 rivals in this hectic finale to the season.

No horse has carried Sea Pigeon's hefty burden of 9st 7lb to victory during this century. Yesterday afternoon, after Peter Easterby had watched Alverton canter home in the Torksey Hurdle, the Malton trainer glanced anxiously at the rain-filled skies, and said: "We don't want any more of this for Sea Pigeon. At the moment, the going is just all right, but if it rains all night, I won't be very confident."

It is not that Sea Pigeon is ineffective in soft ground. He finished fourth in the Champion Hurdle and won the Chester Cup in similar conditions. But this elegant oil painting of a horse faces the stiffest task of his career on the flat this afternoon. It is no secret that Sailcloth has been laid out for this race by William Hastings-Bass. Bred by the late Colonel Percy Wright, who won this race twice with Paul Jones and Polish Warrior, Sailcloth has impeccable credentials on those grounds.

After a successful early-season campaign, the Shantung gelding met with a setback in training. Following a three-month absence from the racecourse, Sailcloth ran a fine race against Lochranza at York in October. He loomed up to the leaders looking all over the winner two furlongs from home, and despite tiring through lack of condition in the closing stages, was beaten only half a length. Since then our Newmarket Correspondent says that Sailcloth has been working well with such recent winners as Shuffling and Now Here This.

Not for the first time, the wizard of Findon, Ryan Price, has set us a pretty problem. Last year, he saddled Gale Bridge and Shelahnu to finish first and second in this race. This afternoon, he runs both Gale Bridge and Lucent. The stable jockey, Brian Taylor, has elected to ride Gale Bridge, who is set to carry only 2 lb more than she did in her victory as a three-year-old. This mud-loving stayer advertised her well-being when beaten only five lengths by Monseigneur in the Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp recently.

But Lucent is no slouch either. John Baillie's filly is on the fringe of the top class, and ran with great zest when only four lengths behind Hot Grove in the St Simon Stakes at Newbury a fortnight ago. Nine stone is a big weight for a three-year-old, but with that able rider, Brian Rouse in the saddle, Lucent should be fighting out the finish today.

Such a competitive handicap is of course not confined to four horses. Those improving three-year-olds, Greenjacket and Carrigeen, are by no means forlorn hopes. The same applies to Amber Valley, who was given a lot to do when narrowly defeated by Fraash at the last meeting on this course. Henry Candy's Moonlight Rag showed all the courage in the world when just beating Country Fair at Sandown.

If the going was fast, I would have the utmost confidence in Sea Pigeon, who has inherited much of the speed of his sire that outstanding racehorse, Sea Bird II. But in the circumstances, I can only make him a hesitant selection to win from Gale Bridge, Sailcloth and Lucent.

The £5,000 Wilkinson Sword Stakes, for two-year-olds is also a real teaser. I am going for Lord Rochford, who was winning his third race from four starts when giving Cherry Picking a clever length beating at Lingfield Park on Tuesday. My idea of the soundest wager on the Town Moor is Reg Hollinshead's three-year-old sprinter, Nice Value, whose sparkling turn of foot should enable him to record his third victory in a row in the Guy Fawkes Handicap.

At Doncaster yesterday, an interest-packed National Hunt card provided the best jumping seen so far this season. Five of the races were won by well backed horses and only a catastrophe in the Grandstand Novices Chase when the favourite Ballet Lord fell at the last fence bringing down the equally fancied Kas prevented the bookmakers' satchels from being emptied. Provided both horses are none the worse for their mishap, they are certain future winners over fences.

The highlight of the day, was undoubtedly Midnight Court's short head defeat of Casamayor in the Baxter Gate Steeplechase. Badly hampered, both at the fifth and third fences from home, Fred Winter's six-year-old appeared to have an impossible task racing to the last jump. But with John Francome riding like a man inspired, Midnight Court finished like a rocket to snatch the verdict in the final strides.

Royal Marshal II, having his first race for 11 months, pulling like a train, went well in the lead until a mistake at the third from home finally put paid to his chances. Tim Forster was delighted with this effort and provided all goes well in the meantime, plans to run last year's King George VI Steeplechase winner in the Hennessy Gold Cup.

International seen as match of champions

Laurel, Maryland, Nov 4.—The heavy mist on the turf course at Laurel racecourse early yesterday morning plastered John Russell's fair hair to his skull, and forced the young trainer to squint as he tried to peer through the murk. "How does he look?" Russell asked a friend who had focused his binoculars on a horse coming down the straight. The friend shrugged, but as the horse thudded by he rolled a cocky eye back at Russell as if to say: "Just fine, thank you."

The sleek bay who was the object of all this scrutiny was not Russell's horse, Majestic Light, the leading turf horse in the United States. Rather, it was the French colt, Exceller, who is expected to be Majestic Light's toughest rival in tomorrow's Washington, DC, International, a race that should decide the North American turf championship.

There are nine starters in the race, three from France (Exceller, Crow and Monseigneur) and four from the United States (Majestic Light, Great Contractor, Johnny D and Vigors). Britain with Balmerino, who finished second in the Arc, and Italy (Stateff) are also represented, but it is seen here as essentially a two-horse race, the rubber match between the American and French champions.

Like all Vaguely Noble colts, Exceller, owned by Nelson Bunker Hunt, is a flashy horse, a dark, rich-looking bay. He has raced primarily in Europe, where, as a three-year-old, he won four consecutive top French races, including the Grand Prix de Paris and the Prix Royal Oak before he lost the Arc de Triomphe.

This season he took the Coronation Cup at Epsom and the Grand Prix de St-Cloud and then finished third behind The Minstrel and Orange Bay in the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. The colt has finished out of the money only three times in 17 starts and has won $669,213.

This autumn, Hunt decided to ship the horse to America. In his first race on October 8, Exceller finished four and a half lengths behind Majestic Light in the Man O'War Stakes at Belmont. Two weeks later, he reversed the result with a victory in the Canadian International at Woodbine. "He is at his peak now", Maurice Zilber, his trainer, said.

Majestic Light has also tuned up well for the International, and has an impressive record on the turf—nine starts, six wins, three seconds with earnings of $575,700. Yet the four-year-old son of Majestic Prince somehow has not been able to achieve the recognition and accolades that Russell and others feel he deserves.

Part of the problem lies in Majestic's intense dislike for the dirt tracks at his home courses, Belmont and Aqueduct, where he has never won.

WASHINGTON D.C. INTERNATIONAL (£70,175 : 1½m)

101214 Balmerino (R. Stuart), J. Dunlop, 5-9-1 R. Hutchinson
20-0400 Crow (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 4-9-1 Y. Saint-Martin
211321 Exceller (N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 4-9-1 A. Cordero
001302 Great Contractor (H. P. Wilson), R. Laurin, 4-9-1 R. Turcotte
111412 Majestic Light (O. M. Phipps), J. Russell, 4-9-0 S. Hawley
110432 Vigors (D. R. Hawn), L. Sterling, 4-9-1 J. Lambert
033201 Monseigneur (A. Seligson, Jun), F. Boutin, 3-8-8 P. Paquet
201131 *Stateff (Lady "M" Stable), D. Tettamanzi, 3-8-8 G. Atzori
111333 Johnny D (D. S. Bray, Jr), M. Kay, 3-8-8 S. Cauthen

7-8 Exceller, 2-1 Majestic Light, 6-1 Balmerino, 10-1 Great Contractor, 12-1 Crow, Monseigneur, 15-1 Vigors, 20-1 Stateff, Johnny D.

* Doubtful runner.

Doncaster programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.0 BONFIRE HANDICAP (£1,709 : 1m)

1 040000 Ashbro Laddo (D) (Mrs M. Asho), S. Price, 4-9-11 B. Taylor 6
3 100040 Partridge Brook (R. Bonnycastle), M. W. Easterby, 4-9-6 B. Raymond 8
8 000030 Pegoy Boy (D) (E. Burchett), G. Harwood, 5-8-8 G. Starkey 16
9 011120 Tai-Tai Girl (Mrs M. Kovanni), J. Hassett, 5-8-8 N. Carson 25
10 00-3001 Tommys Hope (D) (W. Thornton), C. Thornton, 4-8-6 J. Bleasdale 7
11 000000 Royal Conductor (B) (T. Gorner-Mathiesen), J. Mulhall, 5-8-6 D. Nicholls 5 16
13 003003 Stephandre (C) (C. Newton Jnr Ltd), T. Fairhurst, 3-8-6 S. Webster 5 2
13 316003 Monte Acuto (D) (Captain M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 3-8-5 E. Hide 15
15 021030 Ibolya Princess (Cheveley Park Stud), B. Lunness, 3-8-5 M. Wigham 5 26
[illegible] 00-0210 Fearless Lad (D) (Sir G. Glover), F. Waugh, 3-8-3 G. Sexton 1
[illegible] 162300 Filton Abbess (J. McGuinness), D. Williams, 3-8-3 J. Reid 10
21 000000 Hot Heir (P. Guest), R. Collingridge, 3-8-0 T. McKeown 24
[illegible] ... J. Lynch 14
[illegible] ... P. Carson 17
26 43-0102 Town Farm (D) (M. Stacey), M. Tate, 5-7-8 K. Darley 7 4
[illegible] ... S. Rouse 21
28 320013 Hazy Weather (Lord Bolton), J. W. Watts, 3-7-8 J. Lowe 11
[illegible] 142000 Phoenix Rose (D. Franks), M. Naughton, 3-7-7 N. Howe 7 6
30 110400 Mabar (D) (J. Harrison) J. Calvert, 3-7-7 S. Salmon 3
31 101003 Tudor Set (D) (R. Spencer-Churchill), W. Holden, 3-7-7 L. Parkes 13
33 142203 Jackalla (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 3-7-7 A. Gibson 7 24
35 003034 Bermonde (D) (Mrs J. Nathan), C. Benstead, 6-7-7 R. Street 20
34 002000 Mercy's Scion (C) (J. Wilkinson), H. Collingridge, 3-7-7 L. Charnock 5 12
36 011020 Ravensbourne (D) (G. Carson), R. Akehurst, 4-7-7 W. Higgins 5 9
37 401022 Aberklair (D) (R. Mason), A. Smith, 3-7-7 E. Cousen 23
39 000000 Petaline (B) (Mrs L. Mildenstein), R. Jarvis, 3-7-7 M. Thomas 18

9-2 Tommys Hope, 5-1 Town Farm, 6-1 Stephandre, 13-2 Hazy Weather, 7-1 Main Event, 8-1 Pegoy Boy, 10-1 Ashbro Laddo, 12-1 Monte Acuto, 14-1 Debutante, 16-1 Fearless Lad, 20-1 others.

1.30 GUY FAWKES HANDICAP (£1,354 : 5f)

1 010400 Skin Deep (D) (O. Zawawi), B. Hanbury, 4-9-7 B. Raymond 7
3 321201 Van Laser (D) (Mrs P. Farrell), M. McCourt, 3-9-2 K. Darley 7 4
4 000312 Offa's Mead (D) (J. Bradley), Bradley, 6-8-13 D. McKay 6
6 002040 Raffia Set (D) (Mrs G. Neal), W. Wightman, 4-8-13 E. Hide 9
8 332141 Nice Value (D) (R. Johnson), R. Hollinshead, 3-8-7 M. Wigham 5 18
9 112103 Magnolia Lad (D) (J. Rees), N. Adam, 4-8-6 J. Lowe 10
10 000334 Stanwick Maid (B,D), (Mrs M. Hall), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-3 G. Duffield 1
11 100030 Jubina (S. Mason), R. Vibert, 3-8-0 W. Carson 14
13 441030 Coded Scrap (C-D) (C. Newton Jnr Ltd), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-0 S. Webster [illegible]
16 000413 Grof Close (D) (B. Hathaway), J. W. Watts, 3-7-11 A. Mercer 7 2
17 040010 Dam Water (D) (G. Greenwood), M. Naughton, 3-7-7 N. Howe 7 8
18 000000 Master Marion (F. Akeroyd), A. Jarvis, 4-7-7 S. Jarvis 5 3
[illegible] ... J. Bradley, 4-7-7 R. Fox 5
21 040000 Jem Tempest (B,D) (G. Hamilton), L. Docker, 4-7-7 L. Charnock 3 13
[illegible] Carey (B) ... D. Doyle, 5-7-7 K. Leason 12

11-4 Nice Value, 9-2 Offa's Mead, 11-2 Van Laser, 7-1 Magnolia Lad, 8-1 Raffia Set, 10-1 Stanwick Maid, 12-1 Skin Deep, 14-1 Coded Scrap, 16-1 others.

2.0 ROMAN CANDLE STAKES (£1,268 : 6f)

2 000400 Imperial Jade (Mrs A. Lim), M. W. Easterby, 3-9-5 C. Moss 3
3 040110 Swakara (D) (S. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-3 T. Ives 7
4 113301 Captain's Beauty (D) (Mrs J. Orpen), W. Wightman, 3-9-2 E. Hide 6
5 0-12030 King Song (J. Haswell), Haswell, 4-9-0 P. Eddery 8
6 [illegible] Never A Lady ... W. Holden, 3-9-2 B. Taylor 4
7 033000 Power Girl (D) (N. Callaghan), Callaghan, 4-9-1 G. Starkey 9
8 [illegible] ... J. Balding, 3-8-12 W. Carson 2
13 003222 Nashita (T. Gorner-Mathiesen), J. Mulhall, 4-8-5 D. Nicholls 5 1
14 Fairy Hall (P. Poston), Poston, 3-8-4 A. Bosfield 7 8
15 000000 Sea Native (B) (S. Richards), C. Brittain, 3-8-4 P. Bradwell 7 10

5-1 Captain's Beauty, 4-1 Rocknor, 9-2 Never A Lady, 5-1 King Song, 7-1 Swakara, 10-1 Nashita, 14-1 Imperial Jade, 16-1 others.

2.30 WILKINSON SWORD STAKES (2-y-o : £4,318 : 1m)

1 301 Irish Noble (D) (J. [illegible]), Doug Smith, 9-4 W. Carson 12
3 401211 Lord Rochford (B. Shine), B. Swift, 9-4 G. Ramshaw 4
4 21 Remainder Man (Mrs D. Jardine), R. Hollinshead, 9-4 T. Ives 8
5 023210 Smoke Singer (Mrs B. Shack), P. Kelleway, 9-4 E. Eldin 5
7 0 Box of Tricks (Miss M. Sheriffe), J. Tree, 8-11 G. Starkey 1
9 000002 Fallwell (J. Newman), D. Sasse, 8-11 J. Reid 3
10 002 Graf Metternich (C. Elliott), C. Brittain, 8-11 E. Hide 10
11 004030 J. E. B. Stuart (Mrs R. Hutchinson), Thomson Jones, 8-11 J. Bleasdale 7
12 3 King of Darby (D. Galbreath), I. Balding, 8-11 J. Matthias 11
13 000 Majestic Maharaj (J. Hanson), Hanson, 8-11 J. Seagrave 6
15 0 Princely Guy (W. Sherman), R. Akehurst, 8-11 P. Eddery 13
17 Piper Jordan (J. Jordan), F. Winter, 8-11 B. Raymond 3
18 0 Schumann (Mrs A. Villar), B. Hobbs, 8-11 G. Baxter 9
19 0003 Gordon (D. Wiltshire), D. Hanley, 8-8 J. Lowe 14

7-2 Remainder Man, 9-2 Lord Rochford, 5-1 Majestic Maharaj, 7-1 Princely Guy, 8-1 Irish Noble, 10-1 Graf Metternich, 12-1 King of Darby, 14-1 Box of Tricks, 16-1 Smoke Singer, 20-1 others.

3.0 WILLIAM HILL NOVEMBER HANDICAP (£8,773 : 1½m)

1 11122 Sea Pigeon (D) (P. Muldoon), M. H. Easterby, 7-9-7 M. Birch 18
3 000210 Flame Tree (B. Hobbs), Hobbs, 5-9-1 G. Baxter 9
4 301223 Lucent (C,D) (J. Baillie), R. Price, 3-9-0 B. Rouse 12
5 1-02021 Gale Bridge (C-D) (J. Byrne), R. Price, 4-9-0 B. Taylor 4
6 0-40304 Tierra Fuego (Captain M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 4-8-12 E. Hide 8
7 014102 Voucher Book (D) (Mrs A. Shaw), C. Thornton, 4-8-7 J. Bleasdale 10
8 303031 Lochranza (C-D) (H. Michael), E. Carr, 6-8-6 L. Charnock 3 1
9 003040 Mr Fordette (D) (R. Spackman), G. Harwood, 5-8-4 [illegible] 7 21
10 030030 *Aster Boy (H. Kein), Miss A. Sinclair, 5-7-12 R. Still 16
11 [illegible] Night Watch (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 3-7-11 D. McKay 13
12 004030 Grand Trianon (B) (J. Bristedt), J. Gifford, 5-7-8 J. Jenkinson 9
13 [illegible] Celtic Pleasure (Miss E. Blinkoe), J. Bethell, 3-7-8 R. Fox 6
14 004120 Greenjacket (D) (Mrs F. Browne), C. Bewicke, 3-7-8 W. Carson 7
15 300401 Iver (D) (G. Greenwood), R. Akehurst, 6-7-7 K. Darley 7 19
16 030004 Meadow Monarch (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 3-7-7 J. Lowe 20
17 101401 Moonlight Rag (D) (J. Martin), H. Candy, 4-7-7 W. Newnes 7 5
18 0-12122 Sailcloth (D) (Lord Porchester), W. H.-Bass, 3-7-7 M. Thomas 16
19 2-34012 Amber Valley (C) (R. Bradley), J. Hanson, 4-7-7 K. Leason 15
21 012003 Irish Poet (D) (Cheveley Park Stud), B. Lunness, 3-7-7 C. Olliver 7 17
22 221131 Carrigeen (Mrs J. Owen), W. Hern, 3-7-7 R. Street 11
23 121210 Peerless Prince (A. Reynolds), P. Arthur, 3-7-7 S. Webster 3 14

9-2 Gale Bridge, 5-1 Sailcloth, 13-2 Sea Pigeon, 8-1 Greenjacket, 10-1 Lucent, 12-1 Celtic Pleasure, Night Watch, 14-1 Amber Valley, Carrigeen, 16-1 Lochranza, Peerless Prince, 18-1 Iver, 20-1 Flame Tree, 25-1 others.

3.30 CATHERINE WHEEL STAKES (Maidens : £1,627 : 1m 2f 50yd)

1 040 Bold Lord (T. Connop), D. Nicholson, 4-9-0 I. Johnson 26
2 Gallant Oak (W. Kendrick), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-0 T. O'Donoghue 7 20
3 3 The Corinthian (P. Kay), J. Powney, 4-9-0 G. Duffield 13
4 Wilsome (Starco), H. Fleming, 4-8-11 J. Bleasdale 21
5 0-0330 Dean's Guy (B) (E. Haliday), D. Keith, 3-8-10 G. Starkey 9
6 000-00 Dutch Silver (E. Barker), J. Calvert, 3-8-10 J. Lowe 12
7 [illegible] Gerrard's Cross (A. Hall), R. Carter, 3-8-10 E. Hide 24
10 00-0443 Kings Singer (Sir K. Parkinson), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-10 C. Dwyer 6
11 31 Meadow Walk (B) (W. Barker), Miss S. Hall, 3-8-10 M. Wigham 5 14
14 0 Moon Hawk (Mrs J. Orpen), W. Wightman, 3-8-10 A. Kimberley 28
16 4-04000 Pop A Long (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 3-8-10 G. Sexton 29
17 [illegible] Rugged and Ready (J. Kneller), D. Nicholson, 3-8-10 R. Fox 4
18 003410 Robust (Mrs F. Allen), R. Jarvis, 3-8-10 M. Thomas 18
19 0-00040 Seleffie (Mrs B. Ward), A. Bacon, 3-8-10 K. Leason 22
20 024004 Supreme Love (Dr C. Lebrocchi), B. Hanbury, 3-8-10 L. Parkes 5
22 0 Windy Spring (H. Westbrook), Westbrook, 3-8-10 B. Rouse 20
23 42-4 Zolanka (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 3-8-10 W. Carson 15
24 0-00434 Aronta (Brilfource Ltd), P. Kelleway, 3-8-7 P. Eddery 8
26 030-43 Fair Louise (Mrs W. Richardson), W. A. Stephenson, 3-8-7 G. Baxter 30
27 00320 Gay Surrender (B) (Dr J. Hobby), R. Houghton, 3-8-7 J. Reid 19
28 00 Glenfern (G. Smith), K. Bridgwater, 3-8-7 C. Moss 7
29 00 Greetings (J. Dalton), R. Hollinshead, 3-8-7 J. Haynes 7 11
30 400000 Helping Hand (E. Smith), A. Smith, 3-8-7 M. Birch 10
31 00 Lovers Gold (Miss M. Mabbett), F. Wiles, 3-8-7 D. Nicholls 5 1
34 030002 Miss Candine (B) (Mrs D. Snaden), B. Hills, 3-8-7 R. Street 16
35 00 Pytchley Lass (Sir G. Glover), R. Hollinshead, 3-8-7 T. Ives 27
36 400040 Rafforlen (Miss M. Walker), B. Lunness, 3-8-7 C. Olliver 7 2
37 000030 Sea Harriet (B) (S. Lund), L. Cumani, 3-8-7 B. Taylor 17
38 0-03002 Sonetta (B) (Lady Beaverbrook), M. Jarvis, 3-8-7 B. Raymond 3
39 004000 Wistful Lady (B) (T. Pryor), J. Etherington, 3-8-7 J. Seagrave 26

3-1 Zolanka, 9-2 Sonetta, 13-2 Gerrard's Cross, 7-1 Robust, 8-1 The Corinthian, 10-1 Miss Candine, 12-1 Aronta, Gay Surrender, 14-1 Kings Singer, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Cheltenham programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.0, 1.30, 2.5 and 2.40 races]

1.0 COVENTRY STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £1,232 : 2m)

1 1-11111 Pavement Artist (D) (D. Crossman), Thomson Jones, 5-12-0 S. Smith-Eccles
3 221021 Red Well (D) (F. Taylor), M. Naughton, 6-11-11 Mr S. Kettlewell 7
4 0-022 Anthony of Padua (Mrs B. Heath), F. Walwyn, 6-11-6 W. Smith
5 p0-02f Constable Dodd (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris, 7-11-6 Mr J. Butchard 5
6 00000-3 Lyon del Mar (Gp/Capt H. Toder), D. Nicholson, 8-11-6 J. King
8 213120- Rough and Tumble (L. Dormer), F. Winter, 7-11-6 J. Francome
9 s0- Royal Blade (C. Davies), Davies, 8-11-6 B. R. Davies
10 2311-34 Rue d'Or (H. Ellis), G. O'Neill, 6-11-6 Mr A. Wilson

9-4 Pavement Artist, 100-30 Rough and Tumble, 9-2 Red Well, 5-1 Lyon del Mar, 8-1 Rue d'Or, 10-1 Anthony of Padua, 14-1 Constable Dodd, 33-1 Royal Blade.

1.30 PEARCE DUFF HURDLE (Handicap : £3,376 : 3m)

202 08202-u Good Prospect (C-D) (Mrs J. Edwards), J. Edwards, 8-12-5 —
203 242-422 Grando King (R. Collins), M. Tate, 8-11-11 R. Hyett
204 011000- Quickapenny (E. Courage), Courage, 7-11-7 Mr J. Butchard 7
205 401100- Drum Major (D) (A. Pierce), D. Underwood, 6-11-7 J. King
207 141002- The Proddler (D) (Ld. Bolton), J. W. Watts, 8-11-3 Mr H. Orde-Powlett 5
209 12100-0 Tara Dream (Mrs B. Meehan), R. Turnell, 6-11-0 E. Waite 7
211 040140- St Cadwalader (D) (L. Tory), F. Winter, 5-10-12 J. Francome
212 222420 Wilmore (M. Spedding), S. Wright, 6-10-11 H. J. Evans
213 10u00-1 Fighting Fit (D) (Mrs L. Carr), K. Oliver, 5-10-10 R. Barry
215 410033- Colonel Taj (Mrs J. Thomson), H. Blackshaw, 4-10-10 J. O'Neill
216 0004-10 Crofanmis (D) (Mrs J. Clay), C. Clay, 9-10-9 P. Warner
217 212321- Crack O'Dawn (D) (G. Owens), J. Edwards, 8-10-6 [illegible]
218 4121-00 Dennison (D) (R. Collins), M. Tate, 6-10-1 C. Smith
219 03023-0 Kastrup (D) (A. Darlington), D. Barons, 10-10-0 D. Cartwright
220 f0-142p Agir (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris, 6-10-0 S. Wright
222 0000-42 Paymaster (S. Roberts), D. Barons, 6-10-0 P. Leach
223 04000-4 I'm Alright Jack (W. Sleeman), Sleeman, 5-10-0 Mr G. Sleeman 7

4-1 Grando King, 5-1 Fighting Fit, 6-1 The Proddler, 13-2 St Cadwalader, 8-1 Good Prospect, 10-1 Crack O'Dawn, Quickapenny, 12-1 Crofanmis, Tara Dream, 14-1 Wilmore, 16-1 others.

2.5 MACKESON GOLD CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £5,943 : 2½m)

302 22100-0 Spanish Tan (D) (R. Bolk), D. Morley, 9-11-6 B. R. Davies
303 11144-p Early Spring (J. Rogerson), R. Turnell, 7-11-6 A. Turnell
304 1u220-0 Tom Morgan (C,D) (W/Cmdr P. Steed), K. Oliver, 8-11-3 R. Barry
305 f4-211u Even Melody (D) (Lady Bay), N. Crump, 8-10-13 C. Hawkins
306 21100-4 Current Gold (A. Picken), G. Richards, 6-10-13 D. Goulding
307 22311-0 Tip The Wink (C) (M. Simmonds), P. M. Taylor, 7-10-13 J. King
308 00-0111 Graigue House (C-D) (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris, 9-10-9 S. Wright
309 31011-4 Bachelor's Hall (C,D) (P. Harris), P. Cundell, 7-10-8 M. O'Halloran
310 3121-12 Corrieghoil (D) (C. Cleary), E. Jones, 11-10-4 I. Watkinson
311 f00-41 Sage Merlin (C,D) (J. Bingham), Bingham, 9-10-4 J. Pearce
312 0f120-4 Brown Admiral (D) (H. Zeisel), F. Rimell, 8-10-3 J. Burke
313 111u0-0 Double Negative (C,D) (Mrs M. Power), F. Rimell, 7-10-3 D. Morshead 5
314 0320-04 Mafford Grove (J. Kenny), A. Birch, 9-10-3 L. Barlow 5
315 131-112 Count Kinure (C) (Mrs J. Hobby), F. Winter, 7-10-2 J. Francome
318 0421-11 Bar Rock (D) (J. Benson), Benson, 9-10-0 J. J. O'Neill
319 00-2120 Gay Ned (D) (D. Pearman), Pearman, 7-10-0 H. J. Evans

9-2 Count Kinure, 5-1 Graigue House, 11-2 Corrieghoil, 7-1 Tom Morgan, 8-1 Current Gold, 10-1 Bachelor's Hall, Even Melody, 12-1 Sage Merlin, Spanish Tan, 14-1 Tip The Wink, 16-1 others.

FORM: Spanish Tan (11st 9lb) 4th, beaten 9½l, to Tingle Creek (12-0), Sandown, Oct 29, 2m 18yds. Good to firm. 6 ran. Early Spring, see Count Kinure. Even Melody, see Bar Rock. Previously (11-3), won 8l, 7l from Chartist (9-7) and Tumbeleena (10-6), with Current Gold (11-10) 4th, neck back. Ayr, Oct 10, 2½m. Good. 11 ran. Tip the Wink, see Count Kinure. Graigue House (11-5) beaten 4l by Fort Devon (11-1), Newbury, Oct 22, 2½m. Good. 4 ran. Previously (11-13) won 4l, 15l from Corrieghoil (12-0) and Star Dyker (11-9). Cheltenham, Oct 19, 2½m. Firm. 5 ran. Bachelor's Hall (11-3) 4th, beaten 8½l, to Prince Hill (10-8). Stratford, Oct 22, 2½m. Good. 24 ran. Brown Admiral (11-9) 4th, beaten 15½l, to Autumn Rain (11-6) with Double Negative (11-9) pu. Worcester, Oct 29, 3m. Good to firm. 7 ran. Count Kinure (10-8) beaten 2l by Isle of Man (11-13) with Persian Camp (11-9) 3rd, 4l back. Tip the Wink (11-6) 6th, just over 18l further back, and Early Spring (11-13) pulled up. Ascot, Oct 26, 2m. Good. 8 ran. Bar Rock (10-0) won 2½l, 20l from Cumbria (10-3) and More Wayward (10-4), with Even Melody (11-8) unseated rider at Start. Catterick, Oct 29, 3m 300yds. Firm. 6 ran.

2.40 HONEYBOURNE STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £865 : 3m)

402 43fp-12 Red Earl (H. Ford), J. Berry, 8-12-2 Mr J. Mackie 7
403 00f-042 Blue Fire (Mrs S. Roberts), H. O'Neill, 9-11-11 —
404 f30p-p3 Damside (Mrs D. Alner), Mrs D. Alner, 5-11-11 Mr R. Alner
405 4 Dark Sensation (A. Hartnoll), Hartnoll, 7-11-11 Mr R. Hoare 7
407 30fpk2- Kings or Better (Mrs M. Curtis), F. Rimell, 6-11-11 Mr P. Brookshaw 7
408 40p-032 Lord of the Rings (M. Stephens), Stephens, 8-11-11 Mr A. Wilson
409 0-00000 Pill Box (Mrs M. Easton), Mrs M. Easton, 6-11-11 Mr A. Betters 7
410 000b04- The Suckley Squire (Mrs T. Fletcher), M. Tate, 5-11-11 Mr C. Saunders
411 0fp422- Three Gems (P. Luff), M. Oliver, 6-11-11 Mr J. Weston 5
413 f0p3-30 Val King (M. Naughton), Naughton, 6-11-11 Mr S. Kettlewell 7

5-2 Red Earl, 3-1 Lord of the Rings, 4-1 Blue Fire, 5-1 Kings or Better, 8-1 Damside, Three Gems, 12-1 others.

3.15 BOB WIGNEY HURDLE (Handicap : £1,674 : 2m 200yd)

502 20421-2 Itsu (Sir C. Clore), F. Walwyn, 5-10-9 W. Smith
504 230121- Monte Ceco (J. Jones), E. Owen jun, 4-10-4 R. F. Davies
506 44uf-40 Miss Boon (A. Mildmay-White), R. Head, 7-10-2 J. Francome
507 042-103 Vespucci (C) (Mrs J. Hallward), D. Barons, 5-10-0 P. Leach
508 [illegible] Baltiemont ([illegible]), E. Collingwood, 5-10-0 [illegible]
509 *401-30 *The Pink Bomber (Miss P. Morris), M. Tate, 6-10-0 C. Smith
510 2121-0 Ranksborough (I. Lyons III), P. Arthur, 5-10-0 C. Tinkler
511 141133- Jackadandy (Mrs D. Hacourt), F. Winter, 6-10-0 P. O'Brien 7
512 003201- Spanish Trick (C-D) (Maj J. Pope), R. Turnell, 4-10-0 S. C. Knight
514 01u-40f Le Jet (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris, 5-10-0 Mr J. Butchard 5

11-4 Itsu, 9-2 Miss Boon, 5-1 Baltiemont, 6-1 Vespucci, Ranksborough, 13-2 Jackadandy, 8-1 Monte Ceco, 10-1 Spanish Trick, 14-1 others.

3.45 ROSEHILL HURDLE (3-y-o : £1,119 : 2m 200yd)

602 111 Roi-des-Toits (G. Bloor), E. Collingwood, 11-1 A. Flint 5
603 11 Springdamus (Mrs M. Gibson), A. Jarvis, 11-1 S. O'Neill 5
604 Cedar Emerald (Miss P. Morris), M. Tate, 10-10 C. Smith
605 40 Commuter (P. Tsakarissos), G. O'Neill, 10-10 —
606 4 Intoxicated (T. Nicholls), B. Cambidge, 10-10 Mr J. Cambidge 7
608 Nemon (E. Jones), Jones, 10-10 I. Watkinson
609 Pharaoh's Bride (J. Forte), W. Williams, 10-10 P. Leach
611 0 Rib Law (M. Spedding), S. Wright, 10-10 H. J. Evans
612 0- Sharpiefeeds (D. Walker), G. Richards, 10-10 D. Goulding
613 030 St Tello (B. Watson), J. Harris, 10-10 J. O'Neill
614 021 True Diver (D. Stockton), S. Holland, 10-10 S. Holland
616 0 Venalis (E. Roberts), Roberts, 10-10 R. Dickin

7-4 Roi-des-Toits, 9-4 Springdamus, 4-1 True Diver, 8-1 Rib Law, 10-1 Sharpiefeeds, 14-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Cheltenham selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.0 Rough and Tumble. 1.30 FIGHTING FIT is specially recommended. 2.5 Count Kinure. 2.40 Kings or Better. 3.15 Itsu. 3.45 Roi-des-Toits.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.0 Pavement Artist. 2.5 Spanish Tan.

Doncaster selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.0 Hazy Weather. 1.30 NICE VALUE is specially recommended. 2.0 Captain's Beauty. 2.30 Lord Rochford. 3.0 Sea Pigeon. 3.30 Sonetta.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.0 Ibolya Princess. 1.30 Skin Deep. 2.0 Power Girl. 2.30 Schumann. 3.0 Sailcloth. 3.30 Windy Spring.

Windsor selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.15 Officially. 1.45 Hamswell. 2.15 Saran Slave. 2.45 Pinchow. 3.15 King Shaw. 3.45 Caranx.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 Money In. 3.45 Bells Again.

Windsor programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.15 MARINA HURDLE (Div 1 : 3-y-o : £427 : 2m 30yd)

1 0 Bar Morn, K. Bridgwater, 10-10 N. Tinkler
2 240u32 Brilliant Repartee, M. Chapman, 10-10 C. Kerly 7
3 p000f Charlie Claire, D. Barons, 10-10 G. Thorner
4 Doughty, J. Welch 10-10 D. Connor 7
5 Friendly Kiss, M. Salaman, 10-10 M. Floyd
6 Kanstyle, G. Blum, 10-10 G. Walters
8 0 Last Ditch, Mrs D. Oughton, 10-10 M. Hoban 7
9 Lucky Runner, D. Gandolfo, 10-10 P. Barton
10 Miss Poaching, J. Spearing, 10-10 L. Green 7
11 Misty Brook, A. Davison, 10-10 G. Gracey 5
12 00 Money In, W. Marshall, 10-10 C. Brown 5
13 Morning Lee, V. Cross, 10-10 —
14 p04 Not So Vague, D. Barons, 10-10 M. Barrett 7
15 0 Officially, P. Calver, 10-10 A. Webber
18 Pretty Friendly, F. Muggeridge, 10-10 T. Muggeridge 7
20 Sammy Souza, Mrs R. Lomax, 10-10 A. Carroll
21 Scalenation, J. Spearing 10-10 G. McCourt
22 Strong Hand, A. Pitt 10-10 I. Cox 7
23 Trieger, D. Thom, 10-10 D. McAllister 7

100-30 Officially, 7-2 Money In, 11-2 Charlie Claire, 6-1 Morning Lee, 8-1 Not So Vague, 10-1 Strong Hand, 12-1 Brilliant Repartee, 14-1 Lucky Runner, 20-1 Friendly Kiss, Last Ditch, 33-1 others.

1.45 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £1,573 : 2m 40yd)

3 11f232- Hamswell, T. Forster, 8-11-7 G. Thorner
6 s124u0- Viewfinder, P. Cundell, 7-11-4 R. Champion
8 133401- Stone Thrower (C-D), R. Head, 10-10-7 M. Floyd
11 112300 Mouldy Old Dough (D), F. Muggeridge, 8-10-0 S. May

7-4 Hamswell, 9-4 Viewfinder, 5-2 Stone Thrower, 8-1 Mouldy Old Dough.

2.15 STANLEY TOOLS STEEPLECHASE (Qualifier : £1,849 : 2m)

1 000-1p1 Companion, H. Stalliever, 6-11-10 J. Guest
3 01020-0 Cherry Laurel, G. Harwood, 6-11-4 R. Atkins
7 2430-02 De Bergerac, M. Bolton, 8-11-4 M. Stanley
10 0200-b3 Jacksiones, D. Nicholson, 6-11-4 J. Suthern
11 0f000-0 King Cloud, R. Peach, 10-11-4 —
13 1020-22 Peter Scot, D. Gandolfo, 6-11-4 P. Barton
15 0 Royal Tornado, Mrs B. Waring, 9-11-4 A. Waring 7
16 03-1112 Saran Slave, P. Cundell, 6-11-4 R. Champion
17 024-223 Sea Emperor, G. Kindersley, 6-11-4 G. Thorner
18 40-0202 Sparkling Tarqua, W. James, 6-11-4 M. Barrett 7
20 300-422 Cobar Feidh, P. Culver, 6-11-3 A. Webber

7-4 Saran Slave, 9-2 Peter Scot, 6-1 Sea Emperor, 7-1 Companion, Cobar Feidh, 8-1 Sparkling Tarqua, 10-1 Jacksiones, 14-1 De Bergerac, 16-1 Cherry Laurel, 20-1 others.

2.45 TOM CAXTON HOME BREW HURDLE (Handicap : qualifier : £948 : 2m 30yd)

1 30011-4 Pinchow, D. Kent, 6-13-0 E. Molyneux 7
3 201421- Princes Arcade, G. Kindersley, 4-10-7 R. Champion
5 12f00-0 Loonshlang, J. Haine, 4-10-4 R. Mangan
11 4-1012 Fairman, R. Atkins, 4-10-3 R. Atkins
12 0- Nescio, D. Barons, 6-10-1 S. May
13 s010p-1 Andrew, A. Moore, 5-10-0 —
15 013u-00 Our Fantasy, Mrs R. Lomax, 6-10-0 A. Carroll
16 02100-0 Tragacanth, A. Madwar, 7-10-0 Mr A. Madwar 7
17 2200-00 Charbonnier, P. Bailey, 6-10-0 G. Walters
18 00p0p- Don Lillian, F. Porter, 6-10-0 G. Thorner
20 4003-01 Doris's Choice, B. Thompson 4-10-0 D. Phillips 7
21 0404-00 Priory Lad, J. O'Donoghue, 5-10-0 P. Haynes
22 p *Wind River, G. Blum, 7-10-0 M. Gibson
24 0pfs-00 Wild Revel, R. Leach, 4-10-0 G. Gracey 5

5-2 Fairman, 4-1 Pinchow, 5-1 Andrew, 6-1 Charbonnier, 12-1 Princes Arcade, Tragacanth, Loonshlang, 16-1 Nescio, Doris's Choice, Don Lillian, 20-1 others.

3.15 SAXON HOUSE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £683 : 2m 5f)

2 01f200- New Formula (C), T. Forster, 7-11-13 G. Thorner
6 10000-2 Dusky M, M. Salaman, 7-10-13 M. Floyd
9 11p- King Shaw, P. Cundell, 6-10-9 R. Champion
12 3043-42 Ballinlonig, J. Webber, 6-10-0 A. Webber
13 p03040- Bredgar, Mrs D. Oughton, 7-10-0 N. Hoban 7
14 0- Rhum, R. Redgrave, 7-10-0 Mr P. Harris 7

6-4 Ballinlonig, 2-1 King Shaw, 9-2 New Formula, 12-1 Dusky M, 14-1 Bredgar, 33-1 Rhum.

3.45 MARINA HURDLE (Div 2 : 3-y-o : £435 : 2m 30yd)

1 1 Daventry Sealink, W. Charles, 11-5 M. Charles 5
3 00 Belle In Marchera, D. Jermy, 10-10 J. Suthern
4 00 Bells Again, W. Marshall, 10-10 C. Brown 5
5 f Boy David, R. Leach, 10-10 G. Gracey 5
6 2 Busch, J. Haine, 10-10 R. Mangan
7 4 Cannon of Milton, Mrs R. Lomax, 10-10 A. Carroll
8 0 Caranx, Miss A. Sinclair, 10-10 R. Rowell
[illegible]
11 34 Chichester Bird, R. Smyth, 10-10 R. Forsyth 7
12 0 Dometza, C. Dingwall, 10-10 A. Keane 7
13 Dutchman, J. Dunlop, 10-10 G. Thorner
14 Frankenstein, S. James, 10-10 R. Champion
16 Glossed Over, J. S. Evans, 10-10 E. Knowles
17 4 Just Peep, V. Lay, 10-10 N. Lay 7
18 Larosa, J. Spearing, 10-10 G. McCourt
19 Low Lindeth, D. Gandolfo, 10-10 P. Barton
21 p0 Oscars Pride, W. Charles, 10-10 J. Nolan
22 Protect, A. Pitt, 10-10 I. Cox 7
23 Rugare, F. Winter, 10-10 J. Guest
25 Silent Tango, A. Blackmore, 10-10 A. Webber
27 Tompion, Mrs D. Oughton, 10-10 N. Hoban 7
29 f32 Wotton Lass, D. Barons, 10-10 M. Barrett 7

3-1 Chichester Bird, 4-1 Daventry Sealink, 5-1 Wotton Lass, 7-1 Busch, Cannon of Milton, 10-1 Dutchman, 12-1 Rugare, 14-1 Just Peep, Tompion, 16-1 Bells Again, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Doncaster results

1.15 TORKSEY HURDLE (£1,261: 2m 150yd)

Alverton, ch g, by Midsummer Night II—Alvertona (Mrs E. J. [illegible]), 7-11-10 P. Broderick (4-5 fav) 1
Autumn Glow, C. Fairhurst (12-1) 2
Grittar ...... T. Casey (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Flying Diplomat, St Torbay, 33-1 Pinewood Grange, 50-1 Lucky Domino (4th), Tudor Boy (p). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 17p, 14p, 43p; dual forecast, 75p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 2½l, 10l.

1.45 (1.47) BAXTER GATE CHASE (£796: 2½m)

Midnight Court, b g, by Twilight Alley—Strumpet (Mrs O. Jackson) 6-11-10 J. Francome (4-5 fav) 1
Casamayor ... I. Watkinson (6-4) 2
Royal Marshal II, G. Thorner (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 50-1 Arctic Glen (p). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; forecast, 22p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. Sh hd, [illegible].

2.15 (2.18) TOWN FIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £900: 2m 150 yd)

Narribinni, br h, by Dusky Hunter—Super Form (Miss L. Smith) 8-12-0 G. Walters (15-8 fav) 1
Derr Wanna ... P. Tuck (13-1) 2
Ice Plant ... C. Hawkins (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Paper Rich, 7-1 Stormy Affair, 10-1 Dave's Bond, Pinza Again, 12-1 Katmandu (4th), Mary McQuaker (f), 13-1 Three Musketeer's. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 11p, 83p, 20p; dual forecast, £6.02. D. Kent, at Chichester. 4l, 4l.

2.45 (2.47) HOPEFUL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,654: 3m)

Midday Value, ch g, by Vulgan—Fenniscourt (F. Mitchell), 9-10-13 J. J. O'Neill (2-1 fav) 1
Collingwood .. D. Atkins (4-1) 2
Lucy Parker ..... T. Casey (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rubstic (4th), 4-1 Sir Garnet, 10-1 Trevino. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 17p, 29p; forecast, 61p. S. Norton, Barnsley. 6l, 3l.

3.15 (3.20) GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £709: 2½m)

Young Thomas, ch g, by Celtic Ash—Cobelite (J. A. Turner), 7-11-2 J. J. O'Neill (10-1) 1
The Pencer .... G. Faulkner (5-1) 2
Roley Hill .... R. Mangan (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Ballet Lord (f), 6-2 Kas (b), 12-1 Cattle King (4th), Hill End, 20-1 Colquere, Royal Wafer (f), 25-1 Harry's Bost, 33-1 Davis Soldier, Dingwell (f). 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.46; places, 23p, 36p, 85p; dual forecast, £3.08. J. A. Turner, Wetherby. 3l, 3l.

3.45 (3.55) AUTUMN HURDLE (Handicap: £1,168: 2½m)

Regalian, b g, by Prince Regent—Wishful Thinking (Lord Rotherwick), 4-11-2 G. Thorner (4-1) 1
Riga ... D. Goulding (15-2) 2
Molly's Beau J. J. O'Neill (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Hyalos, 7-1 Miss Quilp, 8-1 Eatwell (4th), Glendale, Master Melody, 20-1 Lucky Punter (p), Rynell Grange, Venetian Blind, 33-1 Ballymoy, Lirico, Bishops Crook. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 21p, 27p, 28p; dual forecast, £2.46. T. Forster, Wantage. 3l, ½l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Narribinni and Young Thomas, £87.75. TREBLE: Midnight Court, Hidden Value and Regalian, £8.75.

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1.0 (1.2) SOUTHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £666: 2m 200yd)

Rusthall, ch g, by Midsummer Night II—French Seeds (M. Kilmins), 4-11-12 K. Mooney (5-1 fav) 1
Virginia Drive, J. Redmond (8-1) 2
Rosomar Bay, S. G. Davis (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Whirlitter, 7-1 Destiny Hill, 15-2 King's Hazard (4th), 8-1 Silver Peace, 12-1 Nut Brown Count (f), Tramby (p), 20-1 Superior Sam (f), Rullahman, 33-1 Voie Unique, Spray of Gold, George Kirtland, Indian Scholar (u). 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 18p, 29p, 87p; dual forecast, £1.98. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn.

1.30 (1.31) MICKLETON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1317: 2m)

Redbis, br g, by Barbin—Flush Royal (Rex Carter), 8-10-12 P. Blacker (4-1) 1
Tree Tangle .. A. Turnell (8-13) 2
Clifton Fair .... W. Smith (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Skryne. 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; forecast, £1.60. R. Carter, at Swaffham. 2l, 8l.

2.5 (2.5) EMBASSY PREMIER STEEPLECHASE (£1,314: 2½m)

Another Dolly, b g, by Mon Capitaine—Little Bomb (I. Urquhart), 7-11-7 J. Burke (4-1) 1
True Wish .. M. Dickinson (5-1) 2
King Neptune .. A. Turnell (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav John Brown, 4-1 Trio J, 7-1 Filigrove (f), 16-1 Bolus Head (4th). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 87p; places, 22p, 20p; dual forecast, £1.06. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 5l, ½l.

2.40 (2.40) PHILIP CORNES HURDLE (Novices: £1,022: 3m)

Copper Bar, ch g, by Baggelio—Precious Years (A. Hobbs), 5-11-2 P. Hobbs (33-1) 1
Aspen ..... P. Barton (10-1) 2
Lucky Pal ... R. Davies (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Boxing Match, 7-1 Grinling Gibbons (4th), Tudor Mystery, 10-1 Kerry Kerry, Varaigo, 11-1 Bright Performance, 12-1 Dowy's Quay, 20-1 Mafia King, Nicks Dandle, Velvet Lad, Wansford Boy, 25-1 Arctic Silver, Lets Fly (p), 33-1 Burgey Boy, Caper's Lad, Moss Way, Taboni (p). 20 ran. Lustful Lady did not run.

TOTE: Win, £15.37; places, £5.04, 77p, 18p; dual forecast, £50.66. A. Hobbs, at Minehead. 12l, 2½l.

3.15 (3.15) CHELTENHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,606: 3m)

Dawn Breaker, ch g, by Elf Arrow—Straightlaced (Mrs G. McFerran), 7-10-7 B. R. Davies (9-2) 1
My Friendly Cousin, A. Turnell (evens fav) 2
Churchtown Boy, R. Hyett (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Shifting Gold, 14-1 What A Buck (4th). 5 ran. Broncho II, Andy Pandy, Buckshell did not run.

TOTE: Win, 41p; dual forecast: 32p. C. Davies, at Chepstow. 2l, 4l.

3.45 (3.48) LANSDOWN HURDLE (4-y-o: £834: 2m 200yd)

Lavaramoss, b g, by Levmoss—Tandara (S. Crowe), [illegible] B. R. Davies (3-2) 1
Rathconrath, James Guest (4-6 fav) 2
Gambling Prince, H. J. Evans (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Kuano (4th), 33-1 Castor, 50-1 Snow Buck, 100-1 Collme-Morlals, Lager Boy. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 13p, 11p, 26p; dual forecast, 22p. A. Ingham, at Epsom. 1½l, 5l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Another Dolly, Dawn Breaker, £22.10. TREBLE: Redbis, Copper Bar, Lavaramoss, £368.95 (paid on first two legs).

Gold Cup weights

HENNESSY GOLD CUP: Handicap Steeplechase to be run over 3¼ miles and 82 yards at Newbury on Saturday, November 26. Davy Lad 7-12-3, Purdo 6-12-3, Border Incident 7-12-0, Uncle Bing 8-11-10, Fort Devon 11-11-10, Broncho II 8-11-10, Master H 8-11-9, Royal Marshal II 10-11-7, Andy Pandy 8-11-7, Tied Cottage 9-11-5, Billycan 7-11-5, General Moselle 8-11-1, Tamalin 10-11-0, Master Spy 8-11-0, Gay Spartan 6-10-13, Current Gold 6-10-11, Tip-the-Wink 7-10-11, Forest King 8-10-9, Gay Vulgan 9-10-9, Sand Pit 7-10-8, No Gypsy 8-10-6, Set Point 9-10-8, Zongalero 7-10-6, What a Buck 10-10-6, Shifting Gold 8-10-6, Graigue House 9-10-6, Banlieu 7-10-5, Bachelors Hall 7-10-4, Prince Rock 9-10-4, Artistic Prince 6-10-3, Sir Garnet 8-10-3, Sage Merlin 9-10-3, Sebastian V 9-10-3, Brown Admiral 8-10-1, Double Negative 7-10-1, Aldiniti 7-10-0, The Pilgarlic 9-9-13, Irish Tony 9-9-13, Never Rock 8-9-13, New Formula 7-9-12, Station Master 8-9-11, Churchtown Boy 10-9-10, Harvest 7-9-9, Tregarron 10-9-9, Eyecatcher 11-9-9, Buckshell 6-9-8, Golden Rapper 11-9-7, Parkhouse 8-9-6.

Show jumping

Graffiti gives Smith right answers

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris
Teheran, Nov 4

Harvey Smith, who is always at his best when there is big money to be won, ended a successful four days in Iran last night by winning the Grand Prix of Teheran in the Aryamehr stadium, watched by the Shah of Persia. Riding Graffiti, he achieved three clear rounds and finally beat Colonel Piero d'Inzeo on his Irish-bred chestnut, The Invader, by 0.7sec.

There were eight double clear rounds, and Iran's 37-year-old Golnar Bakhtiar-Bezroukeh, the only woman rider in the country, was unlucky not to be among them. On her Irish chestnut Request, she cleared 6ft 9in on Wednesday night, to share first prize in the puissance, having only ridden for six years. Now she fell off touching down over the last fence in the second round.

James Kernan, Ireland's former junior European champion, was the first to chart the course in the final for eight faults, rolling a pole from a vertical and the last parallel. Mrs Carruthers had 10 clear in the first round and eight in the second, but she was no longer disposed to make concessions.

Babak Shaki and the Turkamon mare, Amon Oghli, had four down, and the Portuguese national champion, Manuel Malta da Costa with Eh Bien took up the running with four in the treble before 13-year-old Ramin Shaki on Welcome Stranger had an eventful passage through the treble, narrowly averting a fall, for 33½ faults.

Jean-Michel Gaud, who has spent the last six months here instructing the young riders, was the first to go clear, on Alto for France, in 43.4sec. But his triumph was short-lived. For Smith followed him immediately, taking every chance and getting the right answer from Graffiti, who cut the time to 31.5sec.

Jones Boy takes puissance to give US big lead

New York, Nov 4.—Jones Boy, ridden by Kate Monahan, won the $2,000 puissance event today, adding to the solid lead of United States in the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden. At the end of the third day of the six-day competition United States have 64 points and West Germany are second with 25.

Buddy Brown, of the United States equestrian team, leads the individual scoring with 26 points and Hendrik Schulz-Siehoff, of West Germany, is second with 16.

The puissance event went to five rounds before Jones Boy, an eight-year-old bay gelding owned by Hunterdon, Incorporated, finally won, the wall being at 7ft 2in. Wow, owned by Ann Leibel and ridden by Barney Ward, was second and Balbuco, of the United States equestrian team, finished third. Five horses tied for fourth.—UPI.

Boxing

Ali 'must meet winner of Young-Norton bout'

Las Vegas, Nov 4.—Ken Norton and Jimmy Young, who meet over 15 rounds tomorrow night at Caesar's Palace, got the assurance yesterday that the winner will be the World Boxing Council's candidate for challenger to Muhammad Ali and his heavyweight championship.

José Sulaiman, the president of the World Boxing Council, said tomorrow night's winner must be the next challenger for Ali's title or the WBC would vacate the title. Mr Sulaiman gave Ali a December deadline to sign for the bout which, he said, must take place no later than April.

Both boxers were enthusiastic about their chances against each other tomorrow night, but neither felt that Ali would meet him. Young said, "Why would he fight me and lose when he knows he can pick up a lot of bucks fighting slobs?" Norton said, "We'd have to take him to court before he'd fight me. Hell, I fought him three times and I know I beat him three times—I don't care what the records say."

Each man finished training yesterday. Norton said he was "honed fine" to chase Young who, he thought, would try to "counter punch and run. I can run for 15 rounds straight ahead," Norton said. "Young isn't going to be able to take that kind of pressure."

In Young's opinion, Norton can run all he wants to, "but he isn't going to catch anything. "I'm going to hit him, move, hit him, move, and like that," Young said. "There ain't no way he can beat me, unless I get careless. And if I get careless I hope I lose. I hope my wife beats me."—Reuter.

Ice skating

Russians not to compete at Richmond

By Dennis Bird

Natalie Strelkova and Marina Ignatova, the two Russians entered for the Richmond International Trophy for women's figure skating, will not after all be competing when the 20 competitors from 11 countries step on to the ice at Richmond early tomorrow morning.

Roger Drake, general secretary of the National Skating Association, said yesterday afternoon that a telegram had just arrived from the Russian Skating Federation withdrawing their entries. No reason was given, but there are not thought to be any political implications. No South African is entered for the competition.

The two Russians were of comparatively junior international standing, and their absence is not likely to make much difference to the results.

Yachting

Brentnall takes Red Lion into overall lead

Auckland, Nov 4.—New Zealand yachts again dominated the One Ton world yachting championships here today. Stuart Brentnall's Red Lion won the second race and, after finishing second to Smir-Noff-Agen in yesterday's opening race, he took over from Don Lidgard as the overall leader.

Today's top overseas challenger was Art Mersereau, of the United States, whose boat, Rockie, finished seventh. Britain's Lou Adam, in QED, was tenth.

RESULTS: 1, Red Lion, S. Brentnall; 2, Mr Jumpa, G. Woodroffe; 3, Heatwave, J. Young; 4, Jonny H, [illegible]; 5, [illegible] Smir-Noff-Agen, D. Lidgard; [illegible]. Overall: 1, Red Lion, 27.75 pts; 2, Smir-Noff-Agen, 23.25; 3, Mr Jumpa, 21; 4, Jonny H, 23; 5, Heatwave, 19; 6, Bing, T. Stephenson (Australia), 17; 10, QED, L. Adam (GB), 8.—Reuter.

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British Steel asks unions for agreement to cuts in both plant and manpower

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The British Steel Corporation yesterday served notice on the unions that the industry's financial crisis requires serious cutbacks involving plant and manpower. But it wants to proceed by agreement rather than repeat the "confrontation" of nearly two years ago.

At a special meeting BSC management asked the unions to cooperate in a joint approach to the Government on economies designed to reduce drastically losses now running at £10m a week. The industry's half-year results, due to be published shortly, will show a loss of £200m.

The TUC steel industry committee told Mr Bob Scholey, BSC's chief executive, and his top managers, that they recognized the seriousness of the cash position. But they reiterated opposition to large-scale redundancies.

The unions have been asked to come back to the corporation on November 17 with ideas for economies.

Mr Bill Sirs chairman of the committee, said that British Steel had confined its approach to generalization at this stage. The unions opposed job cuts and blamed the mounting deficit largely on high interest payments, market penetration by low-cost imports and the depressed level of steel prices within the United Kingdom.

One proposal certain to figure in BSC's contribution to the debate on economies is the high cost—£100m a year—of maintaining plants kept open on government instructions after the Beswick review of the industry's steelmaking capacity.

These "Beswick" plants employ about 14,000 workers, mostly in development areas with high levels of unemployment. They include Shelton, Stoke on Trent, and East Moors, Cardiff, between them employing 6,400, and Hartlepool (coke ovens, sinter plant and slabbing mill); Clyde Bridge (openhearth and primary mill); Dalziel; Lanarkshire (openhearth); Ravenscraig (openhearth); Hall Side (primary and billet mills); Craigneuk barmill and Glengarnock (openhearth and blooming mill).

Premature closure of some or all of these plants will not be the only measure proposed by the Corporation, however. British Steel is shelving investment plans for a plate mill on Teesside, four electric arc furnaces elsewhere, and other development.

Manning levels are also expected to come under scrutiny, because the much vaunted agreement on voluntary wastage reached in January, 1976, has reduced the industry's labour force by only 2,200 to 208,000—a tenth of the manpower reduction originally sought.

British Steel made no comment after yesterday's meeting, which lasted nearly three hours, but sources inside the corporation stressed that it wanted to proceed on an agreed basis with the unions.

That was the reason they were asked to come forward with their own views for economies that could be incorporated into a joint approach to ministers.

The TUC steel industry committee is due to meet again on Thursday, and Mr Scholey has agreed to address the executive council of the industry's largest union, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, on November 14.

Mr Glyn England: favours dual programme for reactors.

Guidelines urged for dual nuclear system

By Kenneth Owen

A nuclear power programme based on both the British advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) and the American pressurized-water reactor (PWR), as recommended last month by the Central Electricity Generating Board, is "not likely to be sensible beyond the early 1980s", according to the National Nuclear Corporation.

In its report on the choice of thermal reactor systems, published yesterday by the Department of Energy, the corporation considers three versions of a two-type programme. First, a firm programme of AGRs over the next few years, with one PWR as soon as practicable.

Secondly, a firm programme of PWRs with one AGR at the start.

Thirdly, an immediate decision to order one or two PWRs and one or two AGRs, with a firm decision that the PWR system is approved for the United Kingdom, but delaying a decision on the make-up of a future programme.

All three variants have the disadvantage of dividing available resources between two systems, and to that extent running the risk of weakening the export effort on the PWR, the report says.

On the other hand, each has the advantage of keeping open the option to concentrate on whichever system seems best for the country.

It is for the generating boards to say how important it is for them to keep the option open, and for how long, the corporation comments.

"In practice, however, it is not likely to be sensible to maintain an ordering programme for two systems beyond the early 1980s; nor are the uncertainties which make it attractive to keep the option open likely to be resolved in the near future."

Inquiries had indicated that the concurrent manufacture in the United Kingdom of components for the two systems was possible, allowing for some imports in the early stages of the PWR.

But "we doubt very much if a full industrial capability would be built up for two systems concurrently; and time is short if such a capability is to be built for the system we offer for export and to meet possible domestic requirements for the 1990s".

Mr Glyn England, CEGB chairman, told Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy last month that the generating board favoured a programme based on both the AGR and the PWR.

EEC orders 3 Asian countries to agree textile curbs or face cutback

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Nov 4

A warning was issued today by the European Commission, to Hongkong, South Korea and India that unless they agreed to restrain textile exports to the Community voluntarily their share of EEC markets would be cut back unilaterally and redistributed among other smaller suppliers.

This ultimatum came in a statement by Mr. Tran Van Thinh, the Commission's chief textile negotiator. He accused the three Asian countries—they account for some 35 per cent of the EEC's low-cost textile imports—of being "totally unrealistic" in their expectations.

The three countries are the biggest of the 34 textile suppliers with whom the commission, on behalf of the nine EEC member states, is seeking to conclude bilateral import quota agreements by November 30. On the outcome of these talks will depend whether the EEC will be prepared to renew the Multi Fibre Arrangement (MFA) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Geneva next month.

Without agreements with the three big suppliers, EEC officials here said they did not see how it would be possible for the Community to accept renewal of the MFA for another four years.

Mr Tran Van Thinh said the three appeared to take the attitude that their present shares of the EEC market were "acquired rights" which could not be touched. This was a totally unacceptable position and showed a complete lack of understanding of the situation the EEC faced.

The immediate target of the Brussels warning is Hongkong, the biggest supplier. Taking 1976 as the base year, the commission is demanding that Hongkong should reduce its exports to the Community by about 9 per cent, from 151,000 tonnes to 138,000 tonnes, Mr Tran Van Thinh gave warning that Hongkong would face unilateral cuts unless it opened serious negotiations by November 10.

Korea is being asked to reduce the 70,000 tonnes it exported last year by about 7 per cent. According to commission statistics, the Koreans have doubled the volume of their textile exports in three years and, if present investment plans were carried through, would quadruple their production over the next four years.

The EEC is prepared to allow India a slight growth in its 1976 export volume of 131,000 tonnes, largely because of India's recognized dependence on a large labour-intensive, handloom cottage industry. But Mr Tran Van Thinh said India would lose this "privileged treatment" if it continued to demand "unacceptably fast growth rates".

In the case of Brazil, the EEC's fifth biggest supplier, Mr Tran Van Thinh hinted that the Commission would have to ask the Nine for authority to negotiate a special arrangement. Brazil's cotton crop was 30 to 40 per cent below average in 1976, owing to bad weather, so it would be unfair to take that year as the reference point.

The Community's aim is to hold imports of low-cost textiles to a level of about 1,100,000 tonnes in 1978, compared with 1,010,000 tonnes in 1976. This implies an annual average growth rate of about 6 per cent, compared with rates of up to 22 per cent in recent years.

It is hoped that by November 30 some 900,000 tonnes will be covered by quota arrangements under bilateral agreements.

Prices soar as diamonds make more friends

Silver Jubilee year has been crowned by diamonds. De Beers, which has the world's most exquisite monopoly (in at least two senses of the expression), has raised its prices for rough diamonds by 17 per cent as demand continues to rise.

This is the largest ever straight price increase, apart from alignments for currency fluctuations, and means that rough diamond prices have increased by 34½ per cent since the beginning of the year. Sales of rough diamonds should exceed $2,000m this year.

But do not despair—the price of diamond rings and other items should not change in the jewelry shops before Christmas.

Partly this is because the price increase is operative from the next "sight" (sale) of the Central Selling Organization in December, the De Beers arm which controls the marketing of all but a small handful of the world's rough diamonds.

Additionally, since the CSO sells in dollars, a currency which has been noticeably weak of late, the price of diamonds should theoretically decrease in hard currency areas. In practice they will probably not, but at least any rise should be delayed.

Also, diamonds in the shops should already be reflecting any rise since gems on the open market have been selling at a premium to the CSO prices for as long as seven months, when the last price rise was made.

Mr Harry Oppenheimer, chairman of De Beers.

If your friendly neighbourhood jeweller ignores all these factors and attempts to put his prices up by 17 per cent, it should be pointed out that the increase relates to rough diamonds and that any retail rise should be much smaller, given the immense value added element of all jewelry.

Given the fact that diamonds are perhaps the ultimate in luxury and conspicuous consumer consumption, the diamond market is extraordinarily well regulated by De Beers, although it is naturally unable to prevent sales falling in a severe recession.

It was in fact out of the great crash of the late 1920s that the real De Beers supremacy was born. As the world went into a major slump, demand for diamonds plummeted and producers set about cutting each others throats in one of the most vicious price wars ever seen. Order was restored by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer and it represented the consummation of his attempts to rationalize the South African and, later, the world diamond industry.

Despite the immense empire he created—spanning gold, platinum, base metals and industrial interests—diamonds remained the favourite of all Sir Ernest's interests. This is no less true today of his son, Mr Harry Oppenheimer, who is both chairman of De Beers and the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa.

The Oppenheimers have managed to control the marketing of rough diamonds, and to act for such disparate producers as the South Africans, Botswanas and Russians, by operating a stockpile, and by running a very sophisticated marketing campaign.

Desmond Quigley

Britain accused of dumping in US

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 4

Mr Charles Vanik of Ohio, who is among the most powerful members of Congress on international trade matters, has accused the British Steel Corporation of violating American anti-dumping laws by selling steel plate at below cost price.

He told the House of Representatives that the Treasury had compiled figures that show that BSC was selling steel plate at prices below those offered by Japanese manufacturers. He pointed out that on September 30 the Treasury charged Japanese producers with selling steel plate at 32 per cent below the Japanese home market.

Mr Vanik said that BSC's selling practices must be immediately investigated. He announced that the trade subcommittee of the House Committee on Ways and Means, which he chairs, will hold hearings on the Administration's enforcement of anti-dumping laws.

He declared that if the Treasury figures were accurate, it was evident that the British Government was subsidizing the British steel industry to maintain high employment, thus increasing unemployment in the United States.

Mr Vanik said "there is no way that the old, inefficient, overstaffed British Steel Corporation can, consistent with fair trade practices, undersell the Japanese".

They were the world's most efficient steel producers, and yet BSC managed to ship steel plate all the way to the West Coast of the United States and still offer it at prices slightly below those offered by the Japanese.

"I do not believe that there is a steel expert anywhere in the world who believes the British can produce steel cheaper than the Japanese."

In view of the Treasury's finding that the Japanese are selling their products here at 32 per cent below home market price levels it seems to be a completely clear-cut matter that the British Steel Corporation's prices here should at the very least be one-third higher.

He quoted Treasury figures, which are based on price on quotations offered on the West Coast by the British and Japanese in July and August, which show that the British offered steel plate at prices of between $12.45 to $14.20 per hundredweight, while the Japanese comparable price range was $12.95 to $14.10.

BSC statement: A spokesman for BSC in London said: "We have been aware that United States producers have been protesting for some time about allegations of dumping". The latest move was only one part of a very complex situation.

He added that the "only way the British Steel Corporation has managed to survive at all has been through $1,200m (£666m) of government subsidies in the last three years, and one consequence right now is that there is a "depression" in steel-producing areas in the United States.

BOC's £15 pay offer 'within guidelines'

The pay dispute which has crippled British Oxygen for more than three weeks was last night approaching a settlement. The company offered 3,000 manual workers a revised pay deal and said the men had "received favourably" so it.

A company spokesman said the deal would increase basic rates by up to 12 per cent—and insisted that it did not break the Government's guidelines.

The latest BOC offer—it also includes a productivity agreement—would increase average earnings by between £13 and £15 a week. "The offer we have made is substantial", the spokesman said.

"It is a realistic reply to counter-proposals put to us by the trade unions, who have reacted favourably to the new package."

All of the 3,000 manual workers started their unofficial strike more than three weeks ago, but most of them returned to work on Thursday. The management originally offered a 10 per cent rise with productivity payments of between 7 per cent and 8 per cent, which was rejected.

As a result 35,000 employed by BOC customers were laid off when supplies were cut off.

More calls in Congress for expanding economy

From Our United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, Nov 4

Increasing numbers of American congressmen are calling on the Administration and the Federal Reserve Board to adopt more expansionary economic policies. Pressures for such policies are bound to be strengthened by the announcement here today that unemployment rose to 7 per cent in October from 6.9 per cent.

Unemployment among most categories of worker has held fairly steady over the last six months, the Department of Labour said, but the rate for black Americans, which is almost double the national average, rose from 13.1 per cent to 13.9 per cent.

The congressional black caucus, together with American trade unions and many liberal congressmen, is striving to convince the Carter Administration to adopt expanded public works programmes and substantial tax cuts.

At the same time they are mounting a forceful attack on what they view as restrictive Federal Reserve Board monetary policies.

Bargain hunting in the securities markets today appeared to push the disturbing unemployment news, as well as some disquieting monetary news, into the background.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 7.27 up at 809.94, the second best advance in more than two months.

Nevertheless, fears are growing of further Fed credit tightening moves. The latest monetary data clearly influenced the Bank of America today to join all other leading banks and move its prime lending rate to 7¾ per cent from 7¾.

The Department of Labour stated that total employment in October rose by 135,000 to 91.2 million, bringing the increase in the employed labour force to 3.5 million over the last 12 months.

The total labour force has increased by 2.9 million over the last year to 98.1 million.

The White House issued a statement noting that the increase in unemployment was a "disappointment", and "indicates that the economy has not picked up as fast as we had expected".

Amax fears $80m Africa write-offs

By Our Financial Staff

Amax, the huge American mining company, yesterday revealed that it may have to write off $80m on its two major African investments. Its decision may lead to similar heavy write-offs by other leading mining concerns.

The two companies involved are Botswana RST, which has long been plagued by technical problems, and Roan Consolidated Mines in Zambia, which has been suffering from the long copper depression.

If the write-off is as much as $80m, it would equal $2.47 a share, which compares with earnings per share for the first nine months of the current year of only $2.44.

Before the announcement of the possible write offs, the company had been expected to record earnings per share for the full year of $3.50 compared with $4.34 last year.

Amax has given the warning of "expected" write-offs against net income, despite the fact that the main board is not due to consider the matter until mid-January.

Selection Trust has a stake of more than 8 per cent in Amax and its shareholding represents its major asset. Amax has not said how any write-off will affect future quarterly dividend payments, but the dividend payments declared for this year will almost certainly be uncovered by earnings.

Amax has a 50 per cent equity stake in Botswana, which is in its books at $15.9m and holds $66.4m of promissory notes. It has a 20 per cent stake in Roan Consolidated, which is in the books at $34.9m.

Apart from the Botswana government, the other major shareholder in the nickel venture is the Anglo American group, which also has a major interest in Roan Consolidated and a large stake in the parallel, but larger Zambian copper operation, Nchanga Consolidated.

SE has £3.66m pre-tax surplus

A pretax surplus of £3.66m was made by the Stock Exchange in the half year to September 28 against a surplus of £271,000 last time and £1.9m for the year to March 24.

The big increase is attributed to the growth in market activity throughout the period but the figures make it clear that a combination of economies and higher charges also played a large part.

The increase in the charge for general services from 1.5 per cent to 2 per cent on May 1 helped to push incomes from this source up from £1.5m to £2.6m. Income from other services produced a net operating surplus of £397,000 against a deficit of £347,000 last time.

22,000 laid off at Leyland and Vauxhall plants

By Our Industrial Staff

Almost 22,000 Vauxhall and British Leyland car workers were laid off yesterday as the latest crop of motor industry disputes took an increasing toll.

Vauxhall, hit by a two-week strike by 3,000 craftsmen, issued lay off notices to the majority of its 19,000 production workers. The move comes two days after the company said it would reopen factories in the hope that the skilled workers would return.

However, enough of the skilled men continued striking and the car production tracks were unable to restart although some trucks and buses were made.

Vauxhall's production workers already accepted a 10 per cent wage increase plus production bonuses but the skilled men are claiming separate negotiating rights and a restoration of differentials.

Production of four Leyland models—the TR7, Dolomite, Maxi and Princess—was at a standstill as the result of a strike at the company's plant at Speke, Liverpool, and a dispute at a component supplier's factory.

About 1,500 men are on strike over a manning dispute involving productivity proposals and a further 1,500 have been laid off.

Meanwhile, Chrysler UK's Linwood plant in Scotland will resume normal working on Monday after yesterday's meeting of 7,000 strikers voted to accept a shop stewards' recommendation to return.

Pound dips against dollar, but gold is at two-year high

By Caroline Atkinson

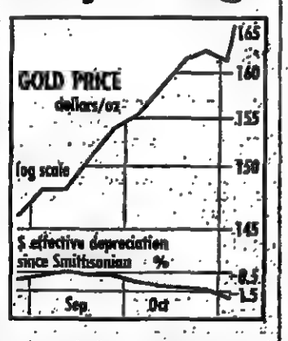
Sterling ended its first week of free floating on a nervous and downbeat note yesterday with a loss of ¾ cent on the day. However it stood at $1.805 at the close in London, 3.3 cents higher than its level a week earlier. The effective rate index finished at 63.3, a loss of 0.1 on the day.

It has thus appreciated by a net 1.3 per cent against a basket of other currencies in the week since the authorities stopped sitting on the rate.

The American dollar closed slightly up on the day against most other currencies at DM2.256, and 248.9 yen.

Gold price soars: Yesterday was another good day for gold, with a jump in the London price of $1.5 an ounce to close at $165.875.

It is now higher than at any time since the summer of 1975. The dollar's weakness in the past few months has been a major factor behind the bullish market for gold, which has advanced $25 an ounce in four months.



Shares still fail to rally

By David Mott

Equities ended a disastrous week on the London stock market yesterday as shares continued to be sold on industrial fears. The FT index lost another 3.6 to 476.2, leaving it 33.1 down over the week and almost 50 points lower than a fortnight ago.

Prices have now lost ground for 10 consecutive sessions, and with the index back to mid-August levels dealers are hoping that next week will bring a period of consolidation.

A promising rally at the short end of the gilt market was not sustained and early rises of half a point were all but lost by the end of the session. Longer dates managed to halve early losses of £1, but generally gains earlier in the week have been erased.

Though there is little improvement on the industrial scene, dealers were saying last night that many stocks, particularly in the financial and stores sectors, were somewhat firmer.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 199.97 —1.42
The FT index: 476.2 —3.6

Rises

Brown Shipley	15p to 190p	Leigh Int	6p to 131p
Castlefield	5p to 152p	SA Land	7p to 92p
Durban Rood	14p to 344p	Smith W H "A"	20p to 770p
C Rand Prop	9p to 432p	Sobranie	2p to 23p
Harrison Cros	13p to 350p	Welkom	10p to 229p

Falls

Burnett H'shire	10p to 160p	Legal & Gen	9p to 150p
Brit Sugar	10p to 450p	Mentmore Mfg	2p to 10p
Dr Le Rue	45p to 570p	Norton WG	3p to 24p
ERF	14p to 108p	Pyke WJ	3p to 27p
Haggas J	10p to 400p	Pork Farms	33p to 310p
Hickson Welch	10p to 555p	Rush & Tompkins	11p to 82p
Imp Chem Ind	5p to 363p	Sale Tilney	10p to 205p
Imp Cont Gas	11p to 383p	Schroders	10p to 430p
Ldn Prov Post	12p to 143p	Valor	3p to 31p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.66	1.61
Austria Sch	30.50	28.50
Belgium Fr	66.00	63.00
Canada $	2.05	2.00
Denmark Kr	11.38	10.98
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.45
France Fr	9.02	8.70
Germany Dm	4.25	4.03
Greece Dr	71.50	68.00
Hongkong $	8.90	8.45
Italy Lr	1620.00	1565.00
Japan Yn	470.00	445.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56	4.34
Norway Kr	10.21	9.85
Portugal Esc	76.50	72.50
S Africa Rd	1.72	1.62
Spain Pes	156.00	150.00
Sweden Kr	8.95	8.60
Switzerland Fr	4.19	3.97
US $	1.86	1.81
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.00	36.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Sterling fell back a cent to $1.8050. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.3.
SDR-$ was 1.17822 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.651670.
Equities fell further.

Gilt-edged securities lost ground. Dollar premium 95.62 per cent (effective rate 37.50 per cent). Gold gained $1.50 to $165.875. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1467.8 (previous 1476.4).
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Oxford St gets 25pc of tourist cash

London's Oxford Street accounted for about a quarter of all the money spent by tourists in Britain's shops this year, Mr Harry Shepherd, president of the Oxford Street Association of retail traders, said yesterday.

Speaking at the association's fourth annual lunch, Mr Shepherd pointed out that despite the exceptionally good business from overseas visitors, Britons coming from other parts of London or from the provinces still accounted for the substantial part of total retail trade.

He called for cheaper shopping fares on public transport and offered the help of the association in publicizing any suitable new fare structure.

Cooperation between shops had helped to contain the growing problem of shop-lifting. "Fines from shoplifters caught in two stores alone—Marks & Spencer at Marble Arch, and Selfridges—totalled £20,000 in March and £50,000 in the busy tourist month of August".

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, the former EEC Commissioner (above), who yesterday told the Scottish Council's international forum at Aviemore: "The nation is to be given a joint paper from Denis Healey and Tony Benn setting out the options on North Sea oil for public debate. This should have been done long ago." He was struck, he said, by the unanimity of businessmen, trade union leaders and local authorities that oil revenue must be used for national reconstruction and not for national self-indulgence.

385 pay settlements

At the close of the 14th week after the end of phase two the CBI's data bank had recorded 620 pay claims and 385 settlements. The claims covered 4.7 million employees and the settlements 1.25 million. A total of 87 productivity agreements, covering 109,000 employees, were also recorded.

The general level of claims was still high, the CBI said. Two out of five it conceded in full would increase total employment costs by more than 30 per cent; 9 out of 10 would increase them by more than 15 per cent. However, moderation was still evident in actual pay settlements.

Singer to shed 1,100 jobs at Clydebank

Singer, the American-owned sewing machine company, yesterday announced a major reorganization of its loss-making Clydebank factory in Scotland, which will include the loss of more than 1,100 jobs, as a result of growing pressure on depressed world markets from Far East producers.

In a statement, Singer UK said that to maintain its competitive position the Clydebank factory would be reduced to 4,450 by the end of next year. It was intended to achieve this by wastage and early retirement, as far as possible. But some redundancies might be necessary.

Building upturn seen

For the first time in nearly four years there has been a slackening in the construction industry's downturn, according to the National Federation of Building Trades Employers' latest state of trade inquiry. This was disclosed by Mr Peter Morley, Federation president, at a Burton-on-Trent meeting yesterday. He also referred to the emerging upward trend in private industrial and house-building.

Australian jobless peak

Australian unemployment rose to a postwar record last month of 370,300, equal to 6 per cent of the workforce, from 328,200 or 5.3 per cent in September, Mr Tony Street, the Employment and Industrial Relations Minister said in a statement yesterday. This compares with a figure of 262,000 or 4.3 per cent in October, 1976.

Grant to Saudi bank

A grant of £66,000 has been paid to the Saudi International Bank (Al-Bank Al-Saudi Al-Alami) as did by the Department of Industry in connexion with premises located at Lanark, Scotland. The aid takes the form of a regional development grant under the Industry Act.

Grouse

For most of this year the current issue of National Savings certificates have been highly attractive buys. But what about the holders of previous issues of certificates?

Dr C. W. Wickham-Jones, of Stockton-on-Tees, has drawn attention to the plight of savers who are still holding National Savings certificates issued before the war, the First-to-Sixth issues inclusive. It is not possible to determine the number of holders but it is known that the amount they have invested (based on the purchase price) is £4.02m.

The rate of interest on these certificates, which may be held indefinitely, is a miserable 5/12p (1d in old money) a month, a rate which will not vary "unless notice to the contrary is given by the Treasury".

The real rate of return that this interest represents is unforgiveable. It works out at just over 1.3 per cent for the First issue, rising to a generous 2.13 per cent in the case of the Sixth issue. And this is in an era when double figure interest rates have been commonplace.

Holders of subsequent issues fare much better. From time to time their extension terms are readjusted upwards and are not far out of line with the rates on the current issue of certificates. People, for example, who bought Twelfth issue certificates in 1966 will get a 7.54 per cent return on their savings this year.

Why, then, is the Government not prepared to offer similar increases to holders of prewar certificates? It has to be assumed that it does not think it necessary to do so. The argument is, after all, that no one need stay with the old issues. They should be encashed and converted into the much more attractive current one.

Yes, of course, they should. No one would contest that point. But it is fairly obvious that the Government is probably dealing with elderly holders who do not have the initiative to do the "right" thing. A modest advertising campaign by the Department of National Savings in Scotland a few years ago failed to get the message over and the department cannot afford to circularize holders individually.

But is the fact that the Government has a "captive market" any excuse for not offering such savers a better deal? By the law of diminishing returns, the yield for these savers will further worsen as the years go by.

Fixed interest investment

Gilts afloat in a sea of change

The Bank and the Treasury
went to sea
On a beautifully buoyant pound,
They took some miners and
other hard-liners
And rapidly ran aground.
But the Bank looked up to
the money supply
and sounded a warning note.
We hold the purse strings,
so don't ask too much,
We're set on keeping afloat,
Afloat,
Afloat,
We're set on keeping afloat.

The gilt-edged market, like the foreign exchange market, has been trying to find its sea-legs this week. So far it has not found its task particularly easy. On Thursday the market took a nasty lurch and it finished the week looking quite pale.

When the Treasury announced on Monday morning that it was to give up the struggle to hold down the value of sterling and leave market forces to determine the currency's worth, one might well have looked to the gilt market to have responded rather more enthusiastically.

Sterling raced ahead and a higher value for the pound could, after all, be expected to cut import prices and help in the battle against inflation—all of which one might have thought should have been music to the ears of fixed interest investors.

In the event, the gilt market had to struggle to make much upward progress. In part this was because the market had sensed that something was in the wind at the end of the previous week.

Once the Chancellor had made it clear in his "mini-Budget" that the Government had rejected the idea of neutralising the mounting flows of money into the country by permitting greater outward investment, the market immediately sniffed that the Government (apparently opposed to the idea of tighter inward exchange controls) had only one option left to it if it was to keep the growth in the money supply under control. To choke off at least part of the overseas demand for sterling, the policy of keeping sterling artificially undervalued would have to end.

But this anticipation by the markets was not the only reason for its muted enthusiasm. There was also the technical position. Would the fact that the Government had now bowed to what many overseas investors had seen as the inevitable—and just what they had all been waiting for—now induce those overseas investors to start taking their profits?

For North American investors in the gilt market, for instance, the capital gain on the gilt holdings and the capital gain on the currency added up to profits beyond their wildest dreams—gained partly, incidentally, at the expense of the British taxpayer.

To what extent overseas investors have in fact been taking profits is difficult to tell. But while the possibility has been there—and it clearly increased over the course of the week as prospects on the labour/pay front worsened—there has been little incentive for British institutional investors to commit fresh funds to the market.

What happens next? Certainly, the bearish factors are now far more abundant than they were a couple of months ago. And once a market thinks that the upside potential is increasingly limited, the temptation to take some profits obviously increases.

The bearish, or potentially bearish factors, are as follows. First, now that overseas investors have seen sterling allowed to float, they must be considered as an even more volatile element in the market than they were previously.

Secondly, to the extent that the sterling "float" chokes off overseas inflows it should also reduce excess liquidity in the money markets, confirming that short-term interest rates are now more likely to rise than fall.

Thirdly, any further deterioration on the pay front will upset sentiment still further. Fourthly, the monetary authorities still have to sell a lot more gilt-edged stock to keep the money supply under control over the second half of the financial year.

Finally, the personal sector could emerge as significant sellers this winter. As the table shows, the sector bought large quantities of gilts in the final quarter of 1976. Many of those holdings will now have run for the magic one year—the point after which you can take your profits free of any capital gains tax liability.

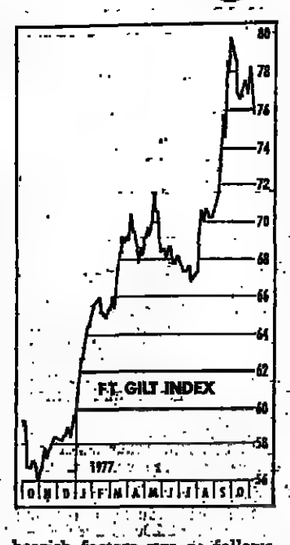
Those who wish to play safe should think about taking at least some of their profits. This is particularly true in stocks where the income loss from moving back into building societies or even National Savings is not too penal.

For those who stay with their gilts the argument for thinking that any setbacks will not be too sharp or too prolonged over the coming months mainly rests on the Government's determination to stick to its guns.

John Whitmore

NET GILT-EDGED INVESTMENT 1976 and 1977

	Personal Sector	Total
1976		
Q1	+ 176	+ 768
Q2	+ 282	+ 859
Q3	+ 171	+ 592
Q4	+1,117	+3,180
1977		
Q1	+ 369	+1,659
Q2	− 160	+ 578



Taxation

Relief for those starting a business

In its economic package speech last week the Chancellor of the Exchequer showed a genuine wish to relieve the lot of the small firm. In addition to certain proposals for companies, his helping hand is to extend to the individual entrepreneur who, against all the commercial odds, starts up in business either on his own or in partnership.

It is not unusual to find that in those early formative years the firm makes a trading loss. Under present law the ways of getting tax relief for the loss are threefold.

First, if there is income in the same tax year in which the loss is made (such as salary from an employment and investment income) the loss can be set against it, resulting in a lower tax bill or a repayment. The loss can also be set against the spouse's income for that year, but this may not always be advisable if income is required to cover personal allowances.

If the trading loss is not wholly relieved in this way it can be set against the *following* year's income from all sources. The authority for these two ways of claiming relief is contained in section 168 Taxes Act 1970. Finally, if there is insufficient income in these two years to absorb all the loss the balance can be carried forward against future trading profits only (section 171 Taxes Act 1970).

Although the section 168 relief sounds generous in that it allows a set-off against other types of income, it is normally not particularly helpful to a new entrepreneur—one perhaps who has just given up his job to start a business—who may have put all his eggs into his business basket and has little or no other income against which to claim relief. To assist the individual over this problem the proposal is that he or she should be able to obtain loss relief sooner than at present.

This can be achieved if it is suggested by allowing a trading loss sustained in any of the first, say, three years of a new business to be *carried back*. The carry-back could be—it is proposed—against income from all sources of the previous three years and this would include the individual's earnings from his previous employment. The result would be an immediate tax repayment giving a much needed boost to the cash resources.

However, those with loss-making hobbies will find that there is little point in rushing to the tax office to hold themselves out as a business. Such a possibility was anticipated by the legislators in relation to the present section 168 relief and the rule was laid down that this type of loss claim cannot be made unless the business is carried on on a commercial basis and with a view to the realization of profit.

When—or, in deference to the more cautious, if—the new proposals should reach the statute book this restriction will certainly apply to the carry-back provisions as well. Indeed there may well be other constraints in an attempt to thwart the devious minds of the tax avoiders. One can only hope that the legislators' attempts to prevent abuse will not produce law so complicated that it catches the genuine cases.

Vera Di Palma

Unit trusts

Consumer groups take up the cause of unit-holders

Consumerism now has the unit trust industry within its sights. SEECA (South East England Consumer Associates, which represents some 35 consumer groups in the South-east) has just written to the Unit Trust Association drawing attention to "certain points that we consider to operate against the interests of an investor in unit trusts".

There are three main criticisms consulted when there is no legal obligation either to hold an annual general meeting or to maintain a public register of investors. The second is that the investor is not normally consulted when there is a change of management or policy and "he thus has no opportunity of opposing such change if he considers it to be to his detriment".

The third criticism is a varied bag asking for more information for existing and future unit-holders. SEECA would like funds to be compared with an established index; more publicity about the amount of the dollar premium in a unit price; greater effort to inform the public that there are other ways of buying units than by filling in coupons in newspaper advertisements; and more readily available information about pound-cost averaging.

The letter belongs to the "more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger" category and adds that it is precisely because the industry has so many "plus" points that SEECA would like to see reform and "a more open policy adopted".

"The introduction of unit trusts was surely intended to take some of the mystique out of dealing in shares; it seems to us that this laudable objective has not yet been fully realized."

The letter has been welcomed by the Unit Trust Association. Its secretary, Mr Wilf Burnett, said that they were "good points to raise". He added: "We happily thought they were well covered. But obviously more can be done. There are things that one has to keep hammering away at."

Mr Burnett was referring in particular to the request for more information. Pound-cost averaging is a classic example of a subject which sounds more complicated than it actually is, for which reason it is a regular stand-by of most commentators who write about the industry. There probably is a case for repeated mention by the management groups in fund annual reports of this method of buying units.

The same can be said about more frequent reminders that units need not be bought through coupons in the press, although it is clear that sales through newspapers have been steadily declining for some years. From the managers' point of view it is, anyway, not a very cost-effective way of selling units.

What is the case for the other two information points? Well, my impression is that most groups do compare a fund's performance with a share index where there is an appropriate one to use.

With international funds there are some genuine difficulties in finding a matching index.

However, for domestic funds there is certainly a case for insisting upon comparison with the more representative *FT* all-share index than with the *FT* industrial ordinary share index which embraces only 30 shares. Another point worth considering is that once an index comparison is introduced it should be maintained through bad performance years as well as good.

And, yes, I am in favour of itemizing the dollar premium content in the unit price—but I doubt if many people will find it a particularly useful concept. The dollar premium content is a sophisticated tool of investment analysis which a professional investor might use before deciding which overseas-oriented fund to buy.

The two other main points raised by SEECA can be discussed only in the light of the peculiar status of a unit trust, because a trust is precisely what it is—not a public company. Consequently, unit-holders enjoy a substantial degree of protection under English trust law and the particular protection of the Department of Trade, which decrees both whether a trust is authorized and whether the managers are suitable. This protection is applied directly or through the trustee to the fund.

What emerges from this is that to introduce some of the SEECA changes has implications for all trusts in the country and not merely unit trusts. This may be an inhibition which the managers could circumvent by introducing some of the changes informally—if there was a universally felt need for them and acceptance of the cost they would involve.

Annual general meetings are a costly farce for most companies and regrettably they probably would be for unit trusts, too. Unit-holders would also presumably face increased charges to absorb some of the expense.

Public share registers are another matter. It is right that fellow members of a trust should be able to communicate with each other without going through a third party and the trustees do have a register available to unit-holders of that fund. In theory, provided you can prove you are a unit-holder, all you have to do is ask to see it, although I gather you may be asked—unnecessarily in my opinion—why.

Unit-holders would wish to get in touch with each other most obviously when management group, or even fund mergers, are proposed. I have much sympathy with SEECA's point here. Trustees do their job adequately in these circumstances, but their concern can lack the urgency and direct interest of the unit-holders, who have been powerless in the past to do anything other than vote with their feet.

To be brutal, voting with one's feet—that is, selling one's units—will probably always be the best solution. But unit-holders should have other avenues open to them. Without recourse to the unit-holder register, which is not a publicized fact, they have no effective means of lobbying other unit-holders.

Also, because managers are aware that unit-holders need only be consulted out of courtesy, the unit-holders' weight is small when it comes to persuading a management group to change its mind. Yet while it is true that the unit-holders have no share stake in the management group, the value of a management group depends squarely on the volume of unit-holder funds it manages.

The industry is mature enough to look into the question of whether or not unit-holders should have more rights than they enjoy at present.

Margaret Stone

Children

Following the elusive trail of state family benefits

The range of cash or means-tested benefits offered by the state to families with children has about it an air of "Catch 22". It requires a superhuman effort to sort out whether you may claim and if so what.

So off-putting is the presentation of many of the fringier benefits that the take-up rate is abysmally low. It is estimated, for instance, that the take-up of lower income entitlement to free milk and vitamins is only 10 per cent of what it could be.

Many families are missing out on the benefits either through false pride or ignorance.

Child benefit: The simplest and most universal cash allowance is the child benefit which came into operation last April, and is a tax-free sum payable weekly, usually to the mother.

It has been designed to replace the old system of tax relief for children and family allowances. The family allowance was payable only on the second child and subsequent offspring. As it was taxable, many higher rate taxpayers tended not to collect it.

The new child benefit is £1 for the first child and £1.50 for the second and subsequent children, with an extra 50p a week for the first child of a single parent family. Next financial year it will rise to £2.30 a child.

Who gets it? The child benefit was designed to be a cash payment to the mother and this concept was something of a political football in its day, as it involves the gradual reduction of father's tax allowances (see next week's article) and his net pay.

In the case of divorce, where most commonly the father pays maintenance and the child lives with the mother, the mother will be awarded the benefit in event of a dispute. Unlike the old family allowance there appears to be no provision for the benefit to be split between the two parents.

If you received family allowances, you will receive it automatically. You must apply to the local Department of Health office for other children.

Child's special allowance: If you are divorced and your former husband dies you may be entitled, in addition, to the child's special allowance, provided he was obliged to contribute at least 25p a week in cash or goods towards the maintenance of your child.

Many women give up the battle to procure maintenance from their former spouses, baby. Even if the husband refused to pay what the courts awarded you, the fact that you "had taken reasonable steps to enforce payments" should mean that you are eligible for this benefit.

The deceased former spouse must have fulfilled the necessary National Insurance contribution conditions.

The rate of the allowance is £6.45 for the first child and £5.95 each for the others. These rates rise on November 14 to £7.40 and £6.90 respectively.

November 14 is, in fact, a date upon which many families should take a long, hard look at their finances. It is the date on which National Insurance and supplementary benefits rates are increased.

In most cases where income levels affect eligibility for benefits, the minima also increase. But the prescribed amount for free school meals entitlement actually comes down on that date, making many more families eligible.

Family Income Supplement: This is available to people with children whose gross income is below a certain level. If you are awarded the supplement, you automatically become eligible for a number of other benefits—free National Health prescriptions, dental treatment and glasses and free school meals being the most important.

To qualify for family income supplement the husband must be in full-time employment—working more than 30 hours a week. You can be eligible if self-employed, provided that you meet the low income qualification.

But the conditions are clearly discriminatory against the bread-winning mum, unless she is a single parent, since it is the man who must be in full-time work to qualify, although where both man and wife work the joint income is taken into account.

From November 14 a one-child family with gross income of less than £43.80 can qualify for the supplement. The qualifying income level rises by £4 for each subsequent child. A family with four children, for instance, would qualify with income of less than £55.80.

If your child or children earn a little money (or even a lot of money) doing a paper round, this is not included in computing gross income. But maintenance received for a child, even if, for tax purposes, it is classified as his or her income, is included when assessing the total gross figure.

Under family income supplement you receive half the difference between your gross weekly income and the minimum level for your size of family. Once you are declared eligible for the benefit, it is payable for a full year, regardless of any change in your circumstances, or the rates of supplement.

You can still claim rent and rate rebates or allowances, because these are not counted as income and neither is child benefit.

Maximum supplement payments are £9.50 for families with one child and £10.50 with two.

Free school meals are one specific area where, come November 14, many families who may not have qualified before could become eligible. The new minimum net income level is £38 for a one child family. Note that this is net: not just net of tax and National Insurance stamps, but net of the rent, rates, mortgage, fares to work and the first £4 of the mother's earnings if she is working.

You can obtain details of the income scale from your local education authority.

Even fairly well-heeled parents with children should do the sums—particularly as school meals have gone up to 25p each. Take a man with two children earning £80 per week. This would put him marginally above the average weekly gross wage recorded in April this year. Nevertheless, depending on his requirements, he could be eligible for free school meals for one if not both his offspring.

Roughly deducting a quarter of his wage for tax and National Insurance payments, leaving £60, then taking off a further £5 for fares to work and another £10 for the rates and mortgage leaves our above-average family man earner with £45—in which case he will be eligible for free school meals for one child. If he netted £44.15 or under a week he could claim the meals for both children.

Free school meals are not now simply for poverty-line families.

Educational maintenance allowances: Education authorities are obliged to provide help with maintenance or clothing for school children in certain circumstances. Educational maintenance allowances are available to parents who want to keep children at school above the statutory leaving age.

Assessment is on the basis of net income, computed exactly like that for free school meals, net of rent, rates, mortgage and fares to work, with the first £4 of wife's earnings deducted (£6 of single parent's earnings) to arrive at the figure.

A family with two children and net pay of £32.50 a week would receive a maximum grant of £228 a year. The same family with net earnings of £43.15 could claim £102 a year.

Uniform allowance: There is other discretionary help available to parents of school-children. You can claim the Uniform Allowance if you have a child or children attending a secondary school where uniform is compulsory. The assessment is based on the free school meals criteria—if you have a child that qualifies for free meals he or she should also qualify for the uniform allowance. It is paid when the child is 11, 13, and 15 years of age.

It is not, however, obligatory on local education authorities to offer this grant and there are no set amounts for payment. The Inner London Education Authority does offer it, at a rate of £24 per girl £22 for a boy.

Necessitous Clothing Grant: There is also a necessitous clothing grant available for primary school children or others who attend a secondary school where uniform is not compulsory. This grant is given for specific items such as school shoes. There is no formal means test, but the grant is usually made after consulation with, and often on the initiative of, welfare authorities.

Margaret Drummond

School dinners: more families can now claim free school meals.

The second in a series of articles looking at the impact of children on family finances.

Insurance

Converting to a whole-life policy

In many cases, it is better to have a qualifying life assurance policy rather than a portfolio of shares—because of the tax advantages. The policy can be linked directly to a suitable fund (held within the life fund of the life office), so that the value of the policy keeps in step with the performance of the underlying fund.

First, regular premiums paid towards a life assurance policy (up to a total of one-sixth of one's income) can qualify for relief of income tax—at half the current basic rate of tax. Secondly, the rate at which the life fund pays tax on its investment income will be not more than 37½ per cent. That, for most investors, is an enviably low rate and after deduction of tax, the life office reinvests the balance in the fund, thus increasing the value of all policies linked to the fund.

Thirdly, the maturity value of the policy at the end of the day will be completely free from tax. Admittedly, the life office will have made some deduction for its contingent liability to tax on the capital gain, but this is likely to be at a rate which is much lower than the standard rate of 30 per cent which would apply in the case of an individual shareholding.

A useful arrangement offered by some companies is to provide a straightforward 10-year unit-linked endowment policy; but, at the end of the 10-year period, one is not obliged to take the tax-free cash. Instead, on payment of no more than a fairly nominal premium, the policy can be converted to a whole-life basis.

The practical effect of this is that the value of the units allocated to one's policy should continue to grow, with income being reinvested net of the favourable rate of tax. If one had taken the cash, and invested it, a much higher rate of tax, almost certainly, would be payable on the investment income.

Not only should the value of one's policy continue to grow on a tax advantageous basis, but it is possible to withdraw cash in easy stages—as and when it is needed. And neither basic rate nor higher rate income tax will be payable on these withdrawals.

The aim, of course, is to transfer capital currently in a portfolio of stocks and shares into this type of "qualifying" policy. One method is simply to sell enough shares each year to meet the net premiums, plus any capital gains tax which will be payable on the disposal. Since total disposals of up to £1,000 per annum are free from capital gains tax, no tax may have to be paid.

With that arrangement there is, of course, the risk that the shares may be standing at a low level when a premium has to be paid; equally, they could be quite high.

Often, an insurance broker wants to earn two commissions on the same money, and thus suggests that, at the outset, one's capital should be put into an investment under his control—such as a single premium bond.

Admittedly, up to 5 per cent per annum of the original purchase price can be withdrawn from a single premium bond (for 20 years) free from tax at the time. If, however, the bond is finally cashed when one is paying a relatively high rate of tax, there is likely to be quite a high tax charge. A better arrangement may be to have a series of bonds, cashing one each year, and paying tax at the time.

With a unit linked bond, there is the uncertainty about unit values in the future. One way of overcoming that difficulty is to buy a term annuity from an insurance company—preferably at a time when interest rates are high, so that a reasonable yield will be obtained. In this case, benefits can be paid annually in arrears for nine years.

Part of each guaranteed payment from the insurance company will be free from tax, and the balance will be treated for tax purposes as investment income. Barring a rise in one's marginal rate of tax, this method guarantees that the scheme will produce the premiums as they are needed for the nine years, after the payment of the initial premium.

John Drummond

Investment trusts

Enter the first linked contract

The CTT Investment Trust Plan is the investment trust movement's answer to the insurance linked contract which has done so much to help the unit trust industry.

Launched this week by London and Manchester Assurance in conjunction with brokers Towry Law, the CTT Investment Trust Plan, the first of its kind, is expected to put investment trusts on the same marketing footing as their unit trust rivals.

It emerged as a result of the movement's search for a product that could provide tax relief and life assurance benefits in a scheme linked to investment trust company shares.

When London and Manchester rescued Welfare, the life insurance subsidiary of merchant bank Edward Bates, some years ago, Welfare had an internal investment trust fund linked to an endowment contract. The performance of that fund, plus the enthusiasm of London and Manchester's chairman, Lewis Whyte, for investment trust shares, are the main inspirations for the present fund.

The CTT plan is a whole life policy with benefits linked to the investment trust portfolio, providing the usual facilities for tax relief on premiums, a higher than average life cover and slightly lower than average cash value.

It is, in the words of its promoters, "straight down the middle" as far as these kind of policies go, and, because of the long-term nature of investment trust investment, deemed a particularly suitable vehicle for using annual capital transfer tax exemptions to build up a tax-free sum for your children or other beneficiaries.

The record of the Welfare Fund since its launch in 1968 looks good compared with both the investment trust and industrial ordinary share indices. But, with discounts widening to a shattering 40 per cent earlier in the year, it is clear that potential investors may consider the sector's long-term stability to be in doubt.

For what has happened in recent years is that the fall in stockmarket prices has been reflected not just in lower net asset values for investment trust shares, but in a larger discount on those lowered values—thereby exaggerating the downward movement of the market.

Although the discount has narrowed in recent months, the fundamental questions of marketability and surplus shares still overhang the investment trust market.

Linked-life policies are fundamentally investment vehicles, and prospective investors should view this scheme in exactly the same light as direct holding of investment trust shares.

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Round-up

Property unit trust

The Woolwich Building Society has joined the ranks of those who are campaigning to make mortgage interest rate adjustments an annual event, rather than a movable feast. It has written to its 250,000 borrowers suggesting that the inconvenience involved in adjusting repayments every time there is a rate change is not worth it.

The society points out that between October 1, 1976, and September 30 this year (the society's financial year) there were three rate changes. If the borrower had not adjusted his payments the ordinary mortgage term would by now be 10 months longer than it would have been had the rates been adjusted each time; by readjusting now (the year-end) the term could be kept at the same length for an extra 8p a month per £1,000 of mortgage.

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Schlesinger Trust Managers launch a new specialist fund today, the Schlesinger Property Shares Trust. It will concentrate basically on property, with up to 20 per cent of the portfolio in property-related shares. It as a more speculative fund perhaps than many and Schlesinger suggest that only 10 per cent of one's assets be in property shares.

It is good advice, but after Save & Prosper's decision to merge its Property and Allied Building Trades fund into its Financial Trust, the new Schlesinger fund will be welcomed by the more sophisticated unit-holder who believes in short-term holdings in specialist funds.

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Investor's week

Miners make the market miserable

The spectre of another confrontation between the miners and the Government over pay and the decision to stop pegging the pound at an artificially low level have given the industrial sections of the London stock market a difficult week.

With scarcely a "genuine" buyer in sight the *FT* index dropped 33.1 to 496.2 and now stands 48.6 below its level of a fortnight ago. In the process it has fallen below the 495 point generally reckoned to be the bottom end of its previous trading range and many dealers are hoping for little more in the short run than a consolidation at these lower levels, broadly matching those of late August.

Belying what was previously supposed to be a firm undertone, the market made a bad start to the week when it seized upon the disadvantages to the major exporting companies of the Government's flotation of sterling, rather than the benefits for inflation and the money supply. The equity market already felt that the outlook for company profits was bleak and that the major exporters can ill afford to be put at a disadvantage.

But far worse was to come. News that the miners had surprisingly voted against a productivity deal — seen by many as a way of avoiding a collision over pay—reawakened fears of growing industrial unrest this winter and brought another wave of selling. Ever since the Heath Government fell in 1974 the market has seen the miners as the epitome of trade union militancy and once news of the ballot was out there was little relief from persistent, and sometimes heavy, selling.

Prices often finished the day well above their worst levels but there was little or no sign of any genuine investment interest. Predictably, government stocks moved smartly ahead on the sterling move, because of the improvement this would bring to the worrying money supply growth. But first the miners' decision and, subsequently, the effect this had on sterling brought a wave of selling, some of it from abroad, and by the end of the week early gains had been lost.

In a week so dominated by external events domestic issues like company results tended to be overlooked. Nevertheless, the giant Reed Group dipped 37p to 141p after profits which were below expectations and a statement which highlighted the group's problems in Canada.

In spite of figures more or less on target Plessey was caught up in the general retreat, losing 11p to 102p, while Hoover, firm in recent weeks in the hope of a boost to consumer spending, failed to please and ended 40p lower at 360p.

Contrary to some expectations, lists for the IMI shares being offered by ICI were oversubscribed, while ICI itself was the most heavily sold of the industrial leaders as pessimism grew over its third-quarter figures due later this month. The shares fell 41p to 363p.

A £40m rights issue from Consolidated Gold Fields had a poor reception, the shares losing 22p to 182p, while another raising cash, Kwik Save Discount, dropped 42p to 233p after the accompanying rise in dividend had not been judged sufficient.

Speculation in Peachey Property continued, but Leonard Fairclough denied an interest, or any intention to acquire it. Peachey's shares eased to 73p.

David Mott

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Year's High	Year's Low	Company	Movement	Comment
		Rises		
334p	183p	De Beers	20p to 290p	Diamond price rise hope
90p	48p	Sidlaw	9p to 88p	Bid hopes
57p	23½p	Graham Wood	9p to 54p	Takeover talks
97p	55p	Wight Cons	11p to 97p	Speculative interest
305p	105p	S Malay	25p to 305p	Tin price
		Falls		
235p	113p	Cons Gold	22p to 182p	£40m rights
280p	80p	Kwik Save	42p to 233p	Div disappoints
191½p	98p	Distillers	25½p to 164p	Major exporter
276p	140p	Reed Group	37p to 141p	Problems in Canada
445p	258p	ICI	41p to 363p	Bearish talk

Unit trust performance

Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three ears). Unitholder index: 2079.8; rise from January 1, 1977: +30.7%. verage change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +48.3%; over 3 years; +98.5%.—

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& G Recovery	150.5	225.3
ambro Small Co's	107.2	212.4
ond Wall Spec Sits	99.9	136.9
erpetual Growth M	98.2	269.4
onfederation Growth	95.1	202.3
ceanic Performance	93.9	112.8
nicorn Recovery	93.5	122.3
ambros Recovery	92.9	237.2
ambro Smaller Sec	89.8	183.1
ntony Gibbs Growth	85.6	—
enderson Capital	85.3	91.2
& G Special	85.1	133.5
yndall Scot Capital	83.5	65.0
ceanic Recovery	82.8	58.3
ew Court Smal Cos	79.2	101.7
nicorn Growth	78.0	114.4
rit Status Change	78.0	85.5
rbuthnot Compound	76.4	153.0
eo Capital	75.7	—
eliance Opportunity	73.8	142.1
anulife Growth	73.4	—
bbey Capital	71.1	150.0
rident Mkt Leaders	69.0	—
ridge Capital	64.4	109.3
ceanic Index	64.3	92.8
apel Capital	63.8	—
ambro Accumulator	62.5	113.4
rescent Growth	62.2	159.3
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ebag Capital	60.8	105.9
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& G Compound	55.5	91.7
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anguard Growth	55.0	129.7
ckford Trust	52.5	90.3
rident UK Grth ACC	50.7	49.6
nicorn Prof M	49.5	165.0
at & Comm Cap F	48.6	114.8
ritannia Comm & Ind	48.5	—
ritannia Shield	42.3	62.9
arget Growth	42.0	83.5
earl Growth	41.5	110.3
artmore Com Share	41.2	94.4
ritannia Growth	40.0	102.7
ew Court Equity	37.3	43.6
ritannia Cap Acc	34.4	82.2
ational West Cap	31.7	88.0
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& G Magnum	27.8	29.3
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oyal Trust Cap	20.3	59.8
& P Capital	19.5	92.8
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artmore Insurance	16.2	81.3
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PECIALIST	**A**	**B**
& P Ebor Prop Sh	94.9	118.4
ceanic Financial	83.2	44.2
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rbuthnot Fin & Prop	54.1	72.7
rbuthnot Capital	53.9	71.3
bbey Investment	53.0	115.0
M & G Investment	51.6	107.8
Britannia Invest Trust	51.6	—
Charterhouse Fin	51.1	83.0
Practical	48.1	125.0
Lawson Raw Materials	47.0	—
Britannia Assets	47.0	85.3
Arbuthnot Commod Sh	46.7	155.7
Hambro O'seas Earns	42.9	—
Nat West Finan	40.4	66.5
Target Preference	40.0	85.9
Lawson Gilt	37.1	63.4
Britannia Commod Sh	36.6	78.8
Allied Met Mins Cmd	35.4	59.8
Arbuthnot Preference	29.1	74.8
Midland Drayton Cmd	29.1	33.5
Bishopsgate Int F	27.7	113.1
L & C International	27.7	69.9
M & G Commodity	27.4	—
S & P Scotbits	21.5	57.8
Britannia Gold & Gen	21.2	−37.0
Key Fixed Interest	19.7	—
Target Commodity	19.6	92.4
S & P Financial	19.0	78.0
S & P Commodity	16.1	65.0
Henderson Nat Res	15.8	17.9
Gt Winch O'seas M	15.0	61.7
Bridge International	14.1	15.9
Hill Samuel Int	14.0	70.7
Britannia Minerals	13.1	−64.0
M & G European	12.9	21.7
Target Eagle	12.9	50.6
Henderson European	12.0	29.4
Security Select F	11.6	67.7
London & Brussels	11.5	3.9
Henderson Internat	10.3	40.7
Trident Nil Yield	9.5	—
Arbuthnot East & Int	8.7	17.3
S & P Energy	6.7	74.5
Lond Wall Internat	6.5	62.5
Allied Hambro Pacific	5.5	92.4
S & P European	4.3	46.8
Stewart American	3.9	59.9
Charterhouse European	3.0	41.4
Gartmore Far Eastn	2.7	—
Crescent Inter	2.6	83.2
Britannia Far East	1.8	34.3
Rowan International	0.5	30.0
GT Japan & Gen	−0.6	105.6
Schroder Europe M	−0.6	6.0
M & G Far Eastern	−1.5	58.6
Britannia Int Grwth	−1.8	48.2
Henderson Far East	−2.4	129.7
Hill Samuel Dollar	−3.2	67.1
Britannia N America	−3.5	22.6
GT US & General	−3.9	11.3
Endeavour	−5.2	55.8
Midland Drayton Int	−5.5	49.6
Unicorn Worldwide	−5.8	35.1
Charterhouse Inter	−7.4	65.7
NPI Overseas	−8.0	—
Gartmore Inter	−8.3	20.5
S & P Japan Growth	−9.5	92.1
Allied Hambro Int	−10.2	37.3
Gartmore American	−11.0	—
M G American	−11.2	76.5
Target Inter	−11.2	37.6
Hambro S of Amer	−12.6	43.8
M & G Australasian	−13.0	26.1
Mercury Inter	−13.3	—
Oceanic Overseas	−13.6	−16.5
Antony Gibbs Far E	−14.3	—
S & P US Growth	−14.6	34.1
Lawson American	−16.1	−1.3
Arbuthnt N Am Int	−16.2	0.4
Arbuthnot Foreign	−16.2	2.4
Grantchester	−16.6	44.7
New Court Int	−17.0	−13.3
M & G Japan	−17.9	70.0
Trident Inter	−18.6	4.1
Unicorn Australia	−19.4	16.0
Henderson N Amer	−19.8	6.2
Trident American	−20.3	11.9
Unicorn America	−21.3	20.3
Henderson Aust	−26.0	−14.8

: Change since October 28, 1976, offer to bid, income reinvested.
: Change since October 31, 1974, offer to bid, income reinvested.
oth taken to November 3, 1977.
: Trust valued monthly.
. Trust valued every two weeks.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Share split and £8.7m rights call from De La Rue knocks shares

By Alison Mitchell

For the second time in little over 18 months De La Rue shareholders are being asked to dip into their pockets.

The banknote printing to electronics group is raising £8.7m through a one for 10 rights issue at 520p, and it is taking the opportunity to boost the dividend by over 50 per cent. But, despite the additional news of the long-awaited share split, down went the shares 45p to 570p.

De La Rue director Mr Frederic King makes no apology for making this second call so quickly. "The nature of the business has changed considerably since the last time and the directors do not want to reduce the basic capital spending programme."

Much of the money will be channelled into the profitable bank note operation. Planned spending on this side of the business over the next couple of years will amount to more than £30m.

Of this, almost two thirds will be spent on fixed assets while a further £9m will be required to finance the increased turnover throughout the business. The balance of £2.2m will go towards the research and development costs.

Earlier this year the group sold its 60 per cent stake in Formica International for £9.6m, payable over five years, and this, combined with the rights, should provide the group with the ability to take advantage of future expansion opportunities.

Sir Arthur Norman, chairman.

For shareholders there is an interim dividend of 10.6p and a proposed final of 19.3p making a total of 30p for the year—an increase of 51 per cent. Treasury approval has been granted.

In the six months to September 30 last, the group turned in a pre-tax profit of £11.9m against £8.4m. However the 1976 figures included a loss from the Formica stake. Sales slipped from £75.9m to £51.1m. Stripping out the Formica contribution, the increase amounts to 43 per cent in the period. Exports jumped from £24m to £32.5m.

Although chairman Sir Arthur Norman is forecasting another good year, the second half will not receive the same boost from the completion of exceptional contracts in the banknote business as the first six months.

De La Rue is also expecting a hiccup in the profits of its Swiss associate company, where the order book shows signs of a temporary slow down. Further growth is predicted for subsidiaries Crosfield Electronics and De La Rue Crosfield.

Struggle is not over at Pennine

It can at least be said for shareholders in luckless Pennine Motor Group that once saw Mr Peter Grimshawe sitting in the chair, that life for them is exciting if uncomfortable.

Since 1973 they have had four chairmen and auditors' qualifications every year. In the past three the qualifications have been serious. Even so Pennine struggles on.

The auditors' reservations about the accounts for the year that ended as long ago as January 31 have a familiar ring. Apart from a now ritual remark that no depreciation has been provided against either freehold or long leasehold properties Messrs. Coopers & Lybrand say:

"Although the group incurred further trading losses during the year these accounts have been prepared on the basis of it being a going concern. This assumes the continued support of the group's bankers.

"The group's bankers at this stage have not confirmed that they will continue to provide such support, and accordingly, we have been unable to satisfy ourselves that a going concern basis is appropriate."

Mr Geoffrey Tankard is still chairman and he reports that a property sale has slashed overheads. He does not wish to forecast optimistically, but adds cryptically that he hopes to give shareholders some information in a few weeks. Mr F. Lowndsbrough, managing director, and M & G Unit Trust are among shareholders with 5 per cent or more of the equity. The shares were last dealt in on October 28 at 3p.

Feedex fall in first half but recovery outlook good

By Victor Felstead

In spite of a drop of almost a third in first-half profits, Hull-based Feedex is cheerful. Turnover rose by 48 per cent to £9.83m in the six months to June 30, but pre-tax profits fell by 30 per cent to £316,000.

Mr John Williams, chairman, points to the difficulties which faced the pig industry. The Feedex expertise in pig production protected it from the "disastrous effects" many producers experienced, the substantial contribution this section normally makes was slashed.

At the same time, the margin on feed suffered as a direct result of "extreme market conditions". However, feed sales from the two mills continues to rise. Now, raw material prices are falling and pig prices are rising, a more buoyant time is seen for the feed and pig divisions.

The chairman is confident that second-half profits will be much better than the first's. Even so, the group will probably be pushed to match the record £927,000 pre-tax achieved in 1976.

The new production line is now operating at the Beverley Mill and this will more than double the output of pig feed at that mill to meet steadily rising sales.

In addition, there is still "a tremendous opportunity" to raise earnings as recent investments come into play.

Rush & Tompkins fall 13 pc but prospects brighter

A variety of things, from a bad spring to dear mortgages, pushed pre-tax profits of Rush and Tompkins down by nearly 14 per cent to £408,000 in the first half of this year. Turnover, by contrast, went up from £17.55m to £20.01m. Rush is in property investment, residential development and building and civil engineering contracting.

Mr Derek Palmar, chairman, reports that contracting turnover continues to grow in real terms with a welcome rise in the number of industrial building contracts.

He finds it is difficult to be precise as to timing in the businesses which the group is in, but he believes that many of the difficulties that have held Rush back in recent years are being overcome.

Rental income rose from £522,000 to £705,000, thanks largely to rent reviews. But operating profits more than halved to £115,000.

The construction divisions found the going extremely tough. Apart from the weather the number of contract accounts settled was low. In the early part of the year, housebuilding was flat because of the high cost of mortgages, while Rush gained no significant benefit from falling interest rates later in the half-year because of the maturity dates of the loans.

The results include those of Reed and Mallik, which was taken over earlier this year.

Air strike hits Davies & Newman

The Dan-Air's operations of Davies & Newman, the shipbroker, ship agent and airline operator, are seasonal and the group had a loss of £976,000 in the six months to June 30. Moreover, this loss is smaller than the £1.4m deficit the year before.

Turnover increased from £30.3m to £40.2m. Income from shipbroking in spite of low freight rates was well maintained and a satisfactory result should be achieved for the full year.

Dan-Air was busier than before. The third quarter of the year suffered from the strike of air traffic controllers' assistants but the flying programme was maintained. Inevitably costs rose and equally inevitably, profit this year will go down.

Record year in sight at Headlam Sims

Headlam Sims and Coggins, the sports and safety shoemaker, hoisted pre-tax profits from £116,000 to £165,000 in the six months to July 31. Sales were £2.08m compared with £1.54m and first half earnings came to 4.03p against 2.69p. Mr A. H. Coggins, chairman, says that another record year is in prospect. The total dividend will be the maximum and an interim is paid for the first time.

Ulster TV tops £400,000

Crashing through the £400,000 barrier for the first time, Ulster Television lifts its total dividend for the year to July 31 from 5.38p to 5.9p gross. Pre-tax profits rose by 12 per cent to a record £426,000. Advertising revenue went up by 24 per cent to £3.76m, but costs rose by 25 per cent to £3.49m. Mr James L. Macquitty, chairman, reports that advertising revenue throughout ITV was healthy. The attractiveness of television to advertisers had revived after a temporary levelling out in real growth.

Grasshopper Trust finds a buyer

Details of Barclay's plans to sell the Grasshopper Property Unit Trust fund are to go out to unit holders as early as next Monday. It is understood that a buyer has been found for the £14m property fund and institutional unit-holders will be compensated in full. The 124 unit-holders have been locked into Grasshopper since the financially troubled trust announced a moratorium on unit sales last November.

Mr Jessel's attempt to thwart M. James

Mr Oliver Jessel, a director of Geo Dolland, has written to shareholders urging them to reject the Maurice James offer "by doing nothing".

Mr Jessel says that over 450 members representing 46.6 per cent of the company's shares have shown support for his plan of action. This has encouraged Mr Jessel to require the directors to convene a shareholders' meeting.

He proposes to remove two non-executive directors, Mr Davis and Mr Epstone from the board and proposing his colleague, Mr T. A. Lewis, as a new director.

Imp Metal offer for sale 1.43 times covered

Imperial Chemical Industries' offer for sale of its 62.8 per cent holding in Imperial Metal Industries succeeded. The offer, of 130.85m ordinary shares at 52p each, attracted about 73,300 applications for about 186.8m shares, making it 1.43 times subscribed.

Applications from the public, that is apart from ICI and IMI shareholders, will be allotted: 300 shares for every 500 applied for; 500 for every 1,000 applied for; 600 for every 1,500 applied for; for 2,000 to 900,000, 35 per cent of the application and for one million and over, also 35 per cent of that applied for.

Dealings should begin in renounceable form on Wednesday.

Briefly

LONRHO CLEARED
Proposed acquisition by Lonrho of a minority interest in House of Fraser is not being referred to Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

UNITED BISCUITS
About 83 per cent of 20.7m shares offered as rights taken up.

COSTAIN-KWIKFORM
Acceptances of Costain's offer have been received from holders of about 87.3 per cent giving Costain 97.47 per cent.

A CAIRD
Board says that if the present brighter trend continues, the profit after tax for the year to January 31 should show a reasonable improvement on the previous year.

FRESHBAKE FOODS
Board says the Scheme of Arrangement for shares, other than 58.54 per cent held by Thomas Borthwick & Sons, be cancelled for a consideration of 20p each has been sent to shareholders.

COOPER-JEVONS
Offer by Cooper Inds for Jevons Cooper open until further notice. Acceptances 97.15 per cent.

DAEJAN HOLDINGS
Board says group is completely solvent and are not under any form of financial pressure. Results for current year should be "at least" as good as those for last year.

ADWEST GROUP
Chairman told agm that current year has started well and sales and orders received are up. Profit is higher than in same period last year and he expects to report another year of improved performance.

MK to pay a bit more for Ega

A higher offer has been made for the engineering and surgical divisions of Ega Holdings. MK Electric made its own offer for the whole of Ega conditional upon this sale and is now paying an extra 1p a share for Ega.

Shareholders will be meeting on Monday to vote upon an offer of £497,000 from Herniaplast, a company controlled by Ega's chairman, Mr F. Payne, and his wife. However a higher offer of £597,000 has now been made by Mr R. Earl and Mr R. Ross—both engineering division directors.

Herniaplast is prepared to release Ega from its contract to sell in return for compensation of £30,000.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Agric Mort Var Rate 1982 (£100)	[illegible]
Avery's Inc	[illegible]
Brit Land 15½% 1st Db 1987 (£100)	£100
Do 12½% Cnv Ln 2002 (£100)	[illegible]
BP RLA's (845p)	[illegible]
Exchequer 10½% 1997 (£96½)	[illegible]
Islington 12¾% 1983-84 (£99¾)	[illegible]
Do 13¾% 1986-87 (£99¾)	[illegible]
Sth Crafts 10p (ord 10p)	[illegible]
Southwark 12¼% Rd 1996-98 (£99¼)	[illegible]

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc	Closing Price
Adwest (225)	Dec 14	31 prem
Allied Irish Bank (114½)	..	10 prem
Assoc TV 'A' (96½)	..	5 prem-1
Newman Inds (7½)	..	14 prem
United Biscuits (140)	Dec 5	[illegible]

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. [illegible]

Stock markets

Index 33 points down on week and nervous selling persists

Contrary to widespread hopes of the previous evening, equities did not end the week with a technical rally, though many stocks managed to stay firm against the general trend.

But in the main, it was the same pattern as before, with nervous selling early in the day being followed by a little buying activity at the lower levels.

The *FT* Index, 5.9 off at 2pm, closed at 476.2, a net loss of 3.6 on the day and of 33.1 over what has been a disastrous week for the industrial pitches.

Gilt-edged stocks were equally uncertain, though longer maturities did manage to halve early losses which stretched to £1. A promising rally at the shorter end fizzled out as profits were taken with gains of half a point all but lost by the close. In some cases, short dates edged ahead again after hours.

Continued bearish comment on the forthcoming third-quarter profits left ICI another 5p lower at 363p, making a drop of 41p over the week.

Touches of firmness were to be found in Dunlop at 93p, GKN 267p, Hawker Siddeley 177p Metal Box 306p and, in front of figures, Lucas at 295p.

There were also some firm features to be found in the financial sector. The clearing banks performed comparatively well with Barclays at 307p and Lloyds at 250p both unchanged on the day and National Westminster at 255p and Midland at 335p just a couple of points lower.

Some of the discount houses rallied from the falls of Thursday, notably Allen Harvey & Ross where the gain was 10p to 520p and Union, which rose a like amount to 430p. Though generally thin market, merchant banks to the fore were Brown Shipley 15p to 190p and Keyser Ullmann which edged ahead to 43p.

The long-awaited share split, coupled with a dividend—boosting rights issue, did little for De La Rue which slumped 45p to 470p, while the Grampian scrip traded at a £1.62 discount on the £10 partly-paid price. More than 80 per cent went back to the underwriters.

Speculative interest was directed into Radley Fashions which ended 4p to the good at 30p, but speculative issues going the other way were ERF, down 14p to 108p, Pork Farms 33p to 310p as profits were taken, Spink & Son 7p to 286p and Stothert & Pitt, which lost 5p for a close of 138p.

In electricals, Muirhead dipped 8p to 170p in front of figures due soon, while export considerations lowered Decca 5p to 485p. For a similar reason, Distillers dipped another 4p to 164p

After falling after figures on Thursday, Hoover managed to hold up at 360p. In the building sector, Rush & Tompkins lost 11p to 82p after lower profits and Marchwiel continued to react to their earlier statement with a fall of 7p to 241p. Two speculative counters which continued to go ahead were Leigh Investments 6p to 130p and Wight Construction, which firmed another 5p to 97p.

In after hours trading, De La Rue continued to lose ground after the rights statement, while Brasway suffered from a trading loss and the omission of a final dividend. Herman Smith were just a touch off after a profits statement.

The initial impact of Tesco's price cutting campaign on its competitors should be evident when Sainsbury reports half-year figures next week. Dealers would be surprised if profits rose from £10.7m to more than £12m, but the effect of strikes at distribution depots is an unknown factor. The shares eased 3p to 230p.

In a week Chubb have drifted gently from 133p to 116p and figures for the half year to September 30 are due soon. In the year to March 31 profits grew by only 19 per cent to £14.1m. the 60 per cent or so of profits that arise abroad is no longer a bull point, and the fear is that newcomer Gross Cash Registers is proving indigestible. It all adds up to renewed pressure on margins.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Berry Trust (F)	—(—)	0.24(0.15)	0.91(0.58)	0.87(0.62)	9/12	0.87(0.62)
Brasway (F)	12.3(16.2)	0.82b(0.49b)	13.11b(11.18b)	Nil(1.13)	—	0.5(2.13)
Davies & New (I)	40.2(30.3)	0.97b(1.4)	—(—)	2.4(2.3)	—	—(6.5)
De La Rue (I)	51.54(75.98)	11.92(8.41)	34.1(21.1)	7.0(2.33)	5/1	19.8a(13.08)
Downiebrae (I)	2.63(1.16)	0.21(0.1)	—(—)	0.7(0.6)	21/12	—(2.08)
Feedex (I)	9.83(6.65)	0.31(0.45)	—(—)	0.58(0.52)	4/1	—(1.23)
Fitzroy Inv (F)	1.8(1.3)	0.008b (0.006b)	0.07b(2.16b)	—(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Green Grp (I)	—(—)	0.17(0.15)	4.16(3.22)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Hammer Prop (I)	—(—)	2.1(1.8)	4.53(3.91)	—(—)	—	—(4.97)
Headlam Sims (I)	2.08(1.54)	0.16(0.15)	4.03(2.69)	0.5(—)	—	—(2.1)
Herman Smith (F)	4.7(4.7)	0.05(0.23)	0.31(2.33)	0.25(0.43)	4/1	0.25(0.43)
Imasco (I)	520.2c(494.6c)	17.7c(15.5c)	1.82(1.59)	0.37(30)	30/12	—(70)
Wm Jacks (F)	8.5(7.5)	0.29(0.23)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Lamont Hldgs (I)	1.18(1.08)	0.003(0.06b)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.1)
Lombard Aus (F)	—(—)	2.1(1.5)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Ovenstone Inv (I)	21.2d(18.3d)	2.3d(2.6d)	—(—)	3(4)	4/1	—(8)
Pro Laundries (I)	0.42(0.41)	0.03b(0.006)	—(—)	0.16(0.16)	16/12	—(0.3)
Roberts Ad (I)	3.9(3.7)	0.25(0.24)	—(—)	1.59(1.44)	3/1	—(3.9)
Rush & Tomp (I)	22.01(17.55)	0.4(0.47)	—(—)	0.9(0.87)	9/1	—(2.56)
Ulster TV (F)	3.8(3.1)	0.42(0.38)	8.2(7.6)	2.1(1.8)	—	3.9(3.5)
Walk & Staff (I)	1.06(0.92)	0.07(0.06)	1.7(1.3)	—(—)	—	—(0.51)
Geo M Whiley (I)	1.68(1.61)	0.16b(0.31b)	6.1b(3.28b)	—(—)	—	—(Nil)
Wilshaw Secs (F)	1.5(1.2)	0.11(0.08)	—(—)	1.32(0.65)	—	—(0.65)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earning are net. a Forecast rate. b Loss. c Dollars. d Rands.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 4.—Prices rallied on the New York Stock Exchange today in what was viewed primarily as a technical bounce from an oversold condition. Winners outnumbered losers by better than a three-to-one margin.

The news background appeared to have little immediate impact on investment sentiment. Citibank said it is holding its prime rate at an unchanged 7¾ per cent next week, and the Labour Department said unemployment moved up in October to seven per cent from 6.9 per cent.

On Thursday prices closed narrowly mixed after an uncertain session.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.82 at 802.67.

Some 670 issues declined against about 645 gainers.

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Gold gains $3.50

New York, Nov 3.—GOLD futures closed higher in active trading, with COMEX prices $2.70 to $3.40 higher, and prices on the IMM $3.60 to $3.50 up. NY COMEX: Nov, $165.30; Dec, $166.10; Jan, $167.20; Feb, $168.30; April, $170.50; June, $172.70; Aug, $174.90; Oct, $177.10; Dec, $179.30; Feb, $181.50; April, $183.80; June, $186.10; Aug, $188.40. CHICAGO IMM: Dec, $166.00-166.80; March, $169.40-169.70; June, $172.70-172.90; Sept, $176.20 bid; Dec, $179.80; March, $182.80 bid.
SILVER futures reached a new high for the move of 495.80 cents in the nearby December following strength of gold and inflation-fear buying triggered by the 0.8 per cent rise in October United States wholesale prices. Nov, 490.00c; Dec, 492.60c; Jan, 495.50c; March, 501.50c; May, 507.60c; July, 513.70c; Sept, 519.80c; Dec, 528.90c; Jan, 531.90c; March, 538.00c; May, 544.20c; July, 550.40c; Sept, 556.70c. Handy and Harman of Canada, $5.437 (previous $5.308).
COPPER closed steady on estimated sales of 1,788. Nov, 54.30c; Dec, 54.70c; Jan, 55.20c; March, 56.10c; May, 57.10c; July, 58.10c; Sept, 59.00c; Dec, 60.30c; Jan, 60.80c; March, 61.70c; May, 62.60c; July, 63.50c; Sept, 64.40c.
SUGAR closed mixed. Jan, 7.92-8.0c; March, 8.35-36c; May, 8.82-84c; July, 9.17-18c; Sept, 9.48-51c; Oct, 9.62c; March, 10.34c.
COCOA prices came back some 2 to 3 cents from the lows, but still recorded losses of 0.80 cent to 2.50 cents on the day. Dec, $164.80c; March, $160.90c; May, $144.68c; July, $136.35c; Sept, $132.00c; Dec, $128.20c; March, $124.70c.
COFFEE futures did an about-turn later in the day, recovering from losses of as much as 2.80 cents to close steady at a 0.17 cent to 2.50 cents advance. Sales were fairly light. Dec, 178.75-9.10c; March, 145.00-4.00c; May, 138.00-50c; July, 134.80c; Sept, 132.50-5.00c; Dec, 128.00c; March, 129.00-6.00c.
COTTON futures rebounded 0.30 cent from this morning's new life of contract lows on trade pricing in the December and March contracts, showing net gains of 0.18 to 0.35 cent at the close. Dec, 50.55-57c; March, 51.60-65c; May, 52.20c; July, 53.00c; Oct, 53.83-95c; Dec, 54.16c; March, 55.00-35c.
CHICAGO: SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures were unable to recover from an initial retreat and finished the session at the day's lows, posting losses of 15¾ to 19 cents a bushel. SOYABEANS: Nov, 567-65c; Jan, 574-73c; March, 581½-82¼c; May, 589¼c; July, 595c; Aug, 597-98¼c; Sept, 584c; Nov 581-83c. SOYABEAN OIL: Dec, 18.30-38c; Jan, 18.38c; March, 18.65-82c; May, 18.70-78c; July, 18.90c; Aug, 18.95-90c; Sept, 18.90c; Oct, 18.90c; Dec 18.90c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Dec, $161.00-0.80; Jan, $163.00-3.50; March, $167.00; May, $169.00; July, $171.00; Aug, $172.50-2.00; Sept, $170.00; Oct, $169.00-170.00; Dec, $170.00-1.00.
CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat futures finished the session 1¾ to 3 cents a bushel lower, but up from the lows of the day's narrow trading range. Profit-taking on yesterday's gains pressed prices lower. WHEAT: Dec, 264¼-64c; March, 273¾-74c; May, 279¼-¾c; July, 283¾; Sept, 287¾c; Dec, 297c. MAIZE: Dec, 218-18½c; March, 230¾-¼c; May, 231-31¼c; July, 233¼-33c; Sept, 231¼c; Dec, 232¾-¾c. OATS: Dec, 130¾c; March, 134¼c; May, 136c; July, 136c; Sept, 136¼c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8030 (1.8370); three months, 1.7940 (1.8448); Canadian dollar 90.17 (90.39).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 0.66 at 376.75. The futures index was off 1.79 at 316.11.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 803.67 (800.85); transportation 201.99 (203.53); utilities 107.35 (107.46); 65 stocks, 274.59 (274.31).

New York Stock Exchange index, 49.80 (49.78); industrials 53.32 (53.29); transportation, 37.15 (37.09); utilities, 39.17 (39.16); financial, 51.55 (51.47).

	Nov 3	Nov 2
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	43	43
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	27
Am Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMF Inc	16	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlntic Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	18	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of America	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	18	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	30	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	16
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	15	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	50
Celanese	[illegible]	43
Central Soya	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem Bank NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	14	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	22
Cities Service	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	32	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	[illegible]	48
Columbia Gas	28	28
Combustion Eng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comwlth Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	23	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Continental Grp	[illegible]	31
Continental Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intnl	[illegible]	48
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	15	16
Disney	[illegible]	35
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	21
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	38
El Paso Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	23	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	47
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Nat Boston	[illegible]	26
Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	24
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	27	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	20
Gen Tel Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf & West	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
IC Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	250	[illegible]
Int Harvester	[illegible]	[illegible]
INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Tel Tel	30	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johns-Manville	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & John	[illegible]	71
Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennecott	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimberly Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kraftco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liggett Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.T.V. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Midland	12	[illegible]
Martin Marietta	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck	[illegible]	53
Minnesota Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	55
Morgan J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]
NCR Corp	[illegible]	40
NL Industries	[illegible]	17
Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Steel	31	31
Norfolk West	[illegible]	[illegible]
NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norton Simon	[illegible]	19
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp	[illegible]	17
Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	24
Pacific Gas Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pet Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	19	[illegible]
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Proctor Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pullman	[illegible]	39
Rapid American	[illegible]	6
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Republic Steel	[illegible]	22
Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	40	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	19
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Rly	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Californa	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Indiana	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stude Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunbeam Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
TWA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
UAL Inc	11	11
Unilever Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever NV	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil Calif	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un Pacific Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uniroyal	8	[illegible]
United Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Merch & Man	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westinghse Elec	[illegible]	17
Weyerhauser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	19	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker/Sid Can	6.10	6.20
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Fergsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	16	[illegible]
Seagram	22	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Talcorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomson N 'A'	11	11
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	[illegible]
WCT	[illegible]	32

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £651-52 a metric ton; three months, £662.50-63.00. Sales, 2,650 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £641-41.50; three months, £652.50-53.00. Sales, 100 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £648-49; three months, £660-60.50. Settlement, £649. Sales, 7,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £634-35.50; three months, £650-50.50. Settlement, £638.50. Sales, 350 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 270.25p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 488.6); three months, 275.65p (496.9c); six months, 278.30p (506.2c); one year, 288.70p (528.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 271.7-72.0p; three months, 275.3-75.5p. Sales 33 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 270.5-70.7p; three months, 273.6-74.1p. Settlement, 270.7p. Sales, 24 lots.

TIN was easier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £7,030-50 a metric ton; three months, £6,790-6,800. Sales, 620 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £7,180-7,210; three months, £6,920-6,940. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,000-7,010; three months, £6,740-50. Settlement, £7,010. Sales, 365 tons. High grade, cash, £7,150-80; three months, £6,890-6,910. Settlement, £7,180. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,880 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £351-51.50 a metric ton; three months, £367-67.50. Sales, 1,100 tons. Morning.—Cash, £350.50-51.00; three months, £356-56.50. Settlement, £351. Sales, 3,625 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £282-85 a metric ton; three months, £286.50-87.00. Sales, 800 tons. Morning.—Cash, £280-80.50; three months, £284.50-85.00. Settlement, £280.50. Sales, 850 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £94.75 ($171) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was easier (pence per kilo).—Dec, 53.25-53.35; Jan, 53.50-53.90; Jan-March, 54.20-54.25; April-June, 55.35-55.40; July-Sept, 57.10-57.15; Oct-Dec, 58.90-59.00; Jan-March, 60.60-60.70; April-June, 62-62.40; July-Sept, 64.10-64.15. Sales: 11 lots of 5 tonnes; 256 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—Spot, 52.50-55.50. Cifs, Dec, 51.75-51.80; Jan, 53-53.50.

COFFEE was steady.—Nov, £1,771-75 per metric ton; Jan, £1,680-84; March, £1,528-30; May, £1,460-65; July, £1,435-45; Sept, £1,420-40; Nov, £1,380-1,400. Sales: 3,638 lots including 39 options.

PALM OIL quiet.—Dec, unquoted. Jan, £241-55 per metric ton; Feb, £240-50; March, £236-45; April, £236-42; May, £235-42; June, £235-42; July, £235-42; Aug, £235-40.

COCOA was barely steady.—Dec, £2,475-8050 per metric ton; March, £2,050-52; May, £1,818-5020.00; July, £1,720-25; Sept, £1,675-80; Dec, £1,630-35; March, £1,592-16.00. Sales, 3,651 lots, including 4 options. ICCO prices: daily, 169.59c; 15-day average, 164.98c; 22-day average, 166.82c. (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet.—The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged, £1 higher at £93; the "whites" price was £1 higher at £104.50. Dec, £99.75-99.85 per metric ton; March, £113.80-14.00; May, £119.70-75; Aug, £124.60-24.75; Oct, £129.50-29.80; Dec, £132.75-32.95; March, £136.10-36.75. Sales, 1,485 lots. ISA prices have been suspended indefinitely.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Dec, £111.10-10.20; Feb, £110.10-10.50; April, £111-12; June, £112-14; Aug, £113-16; Oct, £113.50-17.00; Dec, £114.60-18.90. Sales: 87 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—Dec, £241-45; March, £237-39; May, £237-38; July, £237-39; Oct, £238-44; Dec, £238-45; March, £238-46; May, £240-48. Sales: 19 lots.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, $456 per long ton. "D" grade, Nov-Dec, $416. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs565 per bale of 400 lbs. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs565.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT**.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Nov £83.25 seller Tilbury. United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Nov £78.60; Dec, £79 sellers trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: first half Nov £88.75; second half Nov £90.50; Dec, £91.25 sellers trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was irregular: Nov £70.60; Jan £72.70; March £74.40; May £76.35; Sept £77. Sales, 83 lots. WHEAT was irregular: Nov £76.05; Jan £77.10; March £79.10; May £81.15; Sept £80.60. Sales, 39 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	£87.10	£67.60	£66.40
Lancs	—	£71	£66.10

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 4.—GB: Cattle, 55.20p per kgLW (−0.17). UK: Sheep, 124.5p per kgestDCW (+1.1). GB: Pigs, 59.1p per kgLW (+0.1). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 33.6 per cent, average price 55.04p (−0.15). Sheep numbers up 30.3 per cent, average price 124.9p (+0.8). Pig numbers up 15.2 per cent, average price 59.1p (+0.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 25.6 per cent, average price 56.35p (−0.23). Sheep numbers up 81.7 per cent, average price 120.5p (+6.8).

Foreign Exchange

Sterling ended an eventful week on an easier note yesterday with a half-a-cent fall at $1.8050 compared with $1.8100 overnight. This was nearly 6 cents below a peak level reached on Tuesday morning of $1.8630 after the previous day's decision by the treasury to allow sterling to float. The effective exchange index closed lower at 63.3 compared with 63.4 overnight. This too, was well below the best ever level of 65.1 reached at Tuesday's opening calculation.

The dollar still bolstered by the German Finance Minister's statement on Thursday, scored a useful rise at the expense of the Deutschmark at 2.2560 (2.2460).

Gold gained $1.50 to close in London at $165.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 4	Market rates (close) November 4
New York	$1.7950-8140	$1.8045-8055
Montreal	$1.9940-2.0135	$2.0005-0015
Amsterdam	4.35½-40½fl	4.36-39fl
Brussels	63.40-64.00f	63.65-73f
Copenhagen	11.02½-13k	11.04-05k
Frankfurt	4.05-10m	4.07-08m
Lisbon	73.00-40e	73.25-40e
Madrid	149.25-150.70p	149.90-150.10p
Milan	1579-94lr	1585-88lr
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.77½-81f	8.73-74f
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	445-55y	449-51y
Vienna	28.90-29.25sch	29.00-10sch
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971 was down 0.1 at 63.3.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.34-.44c disc	.80-.90c disc
Montreal	.45-.25c disc	1.00-1.10c disc
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	5-15c disc	10-30c disc
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	90-200c disc	320-500c disc
Madrid	170-220c disc	530-630c disc
Milan	5-14lr disc	27-34lr disc
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	4-6c disc	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	14-18ore disc
Vienna	10-25gro disc	50-70gro disc
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9017-20.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, [illegible] seven days, [illegible] one month, [illegible] three months, [illegible] six months, [illegible].

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $164-7 (an ounce); pm, $165-8.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $170-[illegible] resident, $170-[illegible].

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $48-50 [illegible] resident, $48-50 [illegible].

Discount market

Very easy credit conditions prevailed at the end of a comfortable week on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England finally bought out the surplus by selling an extremely large amount of Treasury bills to both the banks and the houses.

Interbank rates opened at about 3½ per cent, but houses started taking money at 3 per cent and for a short while were paying only 2 per cent for fresh funds. Closing balances were found around 3 per cent.

The market was faced with a substantial take-up of Treasury bills and there was a sizeable rise in the note circulation as money flowed out into the weekend spending circulation. Banks' balances were some way up overnight and there was a fairly large excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 5%
(Last changed 14/10/77)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Weekend High 3 Low 2
Week Fixed: [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis%)
Buying 2 months [illegible] 3 months [illegible]
Selling 2 months [illegible] 3 months [illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)
2 months [illegible] 3 months [illegible]
3 months [illegible] 4 months [illegible]
4 months [illegible] 6 months [illegible]
6 months [illegible]

Local Authority Bonds
1 month [illegible] 7 months [illegible]
2 months [illegible] 8 months [illegible]
3 months [illegible] 9 months [illegible]
4 months [illegible] 10 months [illegible]
5 months [illegible] 11 months [illegible]
6 months [illegible] 12 months [illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)
1 month [illegible] 6 months [illegible]
3 months [illegible] 12 months [illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)
2 days [illegible] 3 months [illegible]
7 days 4 6 months [illegible]
1 month [illegible] 1 year [illegible]

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open [illegible] Close 3
1 week [illegible] 6 months [illegible]
1 month [illegible] 9 months [illegible]
3 months [illegible] 12 months [illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months [illegible] 6 months [illegible]

Finance House Base Rate 6%

Treasury Bill Tender
Applications £791m allotted £400m
Bids at £98.82 received [illegible]
Last week £98.88 received 42%
Average rate 4.7721% Last week 4.4776%
Next week £400m replace £300m

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US $ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Australia 8¼ 1983	[illegible]	100¼
Arco 9¼ 1985	100¾	101½
Bell Canada 7¾ 1987	101¼	102
BC Hydro 7½ 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bowater 9½ 1990	[illegible]	100
British Gas 9 1981	101¼	102¼
CECA 7¾ 1981	[illegible]	100¼
CNA 8¼ 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark 8¼ 1984	[illegible]	100¼
DSM 8¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elf Aquitaine 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
EMI 9¼ 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
EIB 8 1984	[illegible]	[illegible]
EEC 7½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
EEC 7¾ 1984	[illegible]	97½
Esso (March) 8 1986	[illegible]	100¼
Gulf & Western 8¼ 1984	97¾	[illegible]
Hammersley 8¾ 1984	100¼	101¼
ICI 8¼ 1987	98	[illegible]
Macmillan Bloedel 9 1993	99¾	100¼
Midland Int Fin 8¾ 1986	99¼	100
Nordic Invest Bank 7¾ 1983	[illegible]	97¼
Nat West 9 1986	100¾	101¼
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1983	[illegible]	97
New Zealand 8¼ 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	[illegible]	100¼
Norpipe 8¼ 1987	97	[illegible]
Norges Komm 8¼ 1992	97	[illegible]
Occidental 8¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental 9¼ 1981	102¼	103¼

	Bid	Offer
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97¼	98¼
Ontario Hydro 8 1987	97	97¼
Quebec Hydro 8¼ 1986	97¼	98
Reed 9 1987	98	98¼
Saab 8¼ 1989	96	96¼
Sandvik 9¼ 1986	100	100¼
SKF 8 1987	[illegible]	95¼
S of Scotland 8¼ 1981	99¼	100¼
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	97	97¼
Sundstrand 8¼ 1987	98¼	99¼
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	98¼	99¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	94¼	[illegible]
Venezuela 8 1984	96¼	97¼
Volvo (March) 8 1987	97	97¼
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Credit Lyonnais 6 1983	97	97¼
Escom 8¼ 1989	96¼	97
GZB 6 1983	98	99
IBJ 6 1982	98	99
UBAF 6¼ 1982	97¼	[illegible]
Williams & Glyn 6¼ '84	98	98¼
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Arco 9¼ 1982	99¼	100¼
BNRT 9¼ 1982	98	[illegible]
Ford 8¼ 1983	98¼	99
MFA Brit Col 9 1997	99¼	100
Rank 9¼ 1982	100¼	101
Walter Heller 9¼ 1984	98¼	99¼
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6¼ 1984	100	100¼
ICI 6¼ 1987	99¼	100¼
New Zealand 6¼ 1984	101	101¼
Pyhrn 6¼ 1989	100¼	100¼
Quebec Hydro 6¼ 1987	99¼	100
US $ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
American Express 4¼ 1987	77	79
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	92	94
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	105	107
Beecham 6¼ 1992	97¼	99¼
Borden 6¼ 1991	95¼	97¼
Carnation 4 1988	79	81
Chevron 5 1988	117¼	119¼
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	85	86
Fairchild Camera 5¼ 1991	81¼	85¼
Ford 5 1988	82	84
Ford 6 1986	91	93
General Electric 4¼ 1987	79	81
Gillette 4¼ 1987	72	75
Gould 5 1987	110	112
Gulf & Western 5 1988	74¼	76¼
Honeywell 6 1986	87¼	89¼
ICI 6¼ 1997	85¼	87¼
INA 6 1997	88	89
Inchcape 6¼ 1992	99¼	100¼
ITT 4¼ 1987	80¼	82¼
J. Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987	136	138
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	104¼	106¼
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	94¼	95¼
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	97	99
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	74	76
Revlon 4¼ 1987	104	106
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	83	84
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	80	82
Squibb 4¼ 1987	75¼	77¼
Sumitomo Elect 6 1992	97	99
Texaco 4¼ 1988	80	82
UBS 5 1981	116	118
Union Carbide 4¼ 1982	89¼	91¼
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	77	79
Xerox Corp 5 1988	79¼	81¼

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities Limited

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6%
Barclays Bank	6%
Consolidated Credits	6%
First London Secs	6%
C. Hoare & Co	*6%
Lloyds Bank	6%
Lon Mercantile Corp	6%
Midland Bank	6%
Nat Westminster	6%
Rossminster Acc's	6%
Shenley Trust	8%
TSB	6%
Williams and Glyn's	6%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000, 3¼%, over £25,000, 4¼%.

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[illegible] London EC2R 8HP Tel 01-638 8651
The Over-the-Counter Market

1976-77 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
43	27	Airsprung Ord	43	—	4.2	9.8	8.0
149	100	Airsprung 18½% CULS	149	—	18.4	12.4	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	37	+1	3.3	8.9	15.7
142	105	Bardon Hill	139	+2	12.0	8.6	9.5
93	48	Deborah Ord	92xc	—	5.1	5.5	7.4
197	104	Deborah 17½% CULS	192	—	17.5	9.1	—
144	120	Frederick Parker	141	—	11.5	8.1	6.8
118	45	Henry Sykes	106	—	2.4	2.2	10.1
58	36	Jackson Group	52	—	5.0	9.6	6.1
114	55	James Burrough	111	—	6.0	5.4	10.1
340	189	Robert Jenkins	330	—	27.0	8.1	5.5
24	8	Twinlock Ord	14	—	—	—	—
77	57	Twinlock 12% ULS	72	−2	12.0	16.6	—
65	51	Unilock Holdings	62	−1	7.0	11.2	7.7
86	65	Walter Alexander	86	—	6.4	7.4	6.3

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1976/77 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Law Report November 4 1977

Court of Appeal

Man self employed by choice cannot claim to be an employee

Massey v Crown Life Insurance Company

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Eveleigh

A man who, after having been employed by an insurance company as a manager under a contract of employment, continued to carry out the same functions for the company but under a contract by which he became taxable as a self employed person, was held not to be an employee for the purposes of bringing a claim for unfair dismissal.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr John Linnell Massey from the dismissal of his appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Kilner Brown, Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mr A. J. Nicol) from the decision of a London industrial tribunal, on a preliminary issue, that he could not pursue a claim for unfair dismissal because he was not employed by the respondents, Crown Life Insurance Company, but was in fact and law a self employed person.

Mr Alastair Sharp for Mr Massey; Mr Anthony Boswood for the company.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that a person could only complain of unfair dismissal if he was an employee. Mr Massey had been the manager of the company's Ilford branch. From 1971 to 1973 the company had treated him as a servant, paying him wages and deducting tax. In 1973, pursuant to the advice of his accountant and with the agreement of the company, he registered the business name of J. L. Massey & Associates and with that new name entered into a new agreement with the company. The Inland Revenue were content that he should change to being taxed under Schedule D.

That was completely inconsistent with his present assertion that he was a servant. One had to go back to the realities. If the true relationship between the parties was that of master and servant under a contract of service, the parties could not alter the truth of the relationship by putting a different label on it.

On the other hand, the very terms of an agreement could alter the legal situation in which parties stood and the legal consequences. In such cases, as the industrial tribunal had found in the present case, the person worked under the new agreement exactly as he had under the old one.

When there was a situation which was doubtful or ambiguous it was open to the parties by agreement to stipulate what the legal relationship between them should be.

His Lordship was doubtful whether Mr Massey had been a servant before 1973, but it was perfectly clear that after the new agreement it was no longer to be a master and servant relationship but that of employer and independent contractor. The industrial tribunal had been justified in finding that the transaction was intended to be genuine.

In *Ferguson v John Dawson & Partners (Contractors) Ltd* ([1976] 1 WLR 1213) the court was saying that the agreement was so unspecific and wanting in accuracy that it had nothing to go by except the way in which the parties had acted and that that bore all the hallmarks of a master and servant relationship. But in the present kind of case, where a perfectly genuine agreement had been entered into at the instance and for the benefit of Mr Massey, he could not afterwards say that the relationship was something else in order to claim another advantage. The appeal should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that to allow a man to claim that he was a self employed person in order to claim tax advantages and also to deny that he was self employed in order to claim compensation for unfair dismissal strained the highly desirable union between fairness, common sense and the law almost to breaking point.

Mr Massey's status turned on the surrounding facts and the terms of his contract. In 1971 he had entered into two contracts with the company, one appointing him as a manager and one by which he became a general insurance agent. Consequently, he was then wearing two hats, one as an employee, the other as a self employed person.

In 1973 he was alerted to the advantages of wearing one hat, and to achieve that the parties entered into a new written agreement. It was the existence of that contract with its written terms that distinguished the present case from *Ferguson*. Contemporaneously with the new agreement a new general agency agreement was entered into.

It was clearly established that parties could not change their status merely by putting a new label on it, but if in all the circumstances, including the terms of the agreement, it was manifest that there was an intention to change the status, there was no reason why the parties should not be allowed to do so.

If there was no illegality and it was a genuine agreement the only conclusion was that Mr Massey did change his status.

Lord Justice Eveleigh agreed.

The appeal was dismissed. Leave to appeal was refused.

Solicitors: Reeling, King, Aylett & Co; Coward Chance.

Identification in court by elimination

Regina v Hughes

Before Lord Justice Cumming Bruce, Mr Justice Nield and Mr Justice Thompson

At a trial where the real issue was whether the victim of an attack with an iron bar had been struck by one of two men who had been talking to him earlier, one of whom was fair haired and the other dark haired, it was not objectionable for the prosecution to bring forward the fair haired man and then ask the victim first whether he had been attacked by that man and secondly to give a description of his assailant—even though the victim had first identified his attacker with the dark hair in the dock at an abortive trial the day before.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reserved reasons for having dismissed an appeal by Victor John Hughes, aged 32, from his conviction at the Central Criminal Court (recorder: Mr W. M. Howard, QC) on April 27 of causing grievous bodily harm to Mr Rodney Greer with intent, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861, and of having an offensive weapon in a public place without lawful authority contrary to section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act, 1953. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

The previous day a trial had begun of charges against the appellant and two other men, Shepbard and Williams. After Mr Greer had given his evidence-in-chief, the recorder asked him if he could recognize the man who had attacked him and struck him on the head. Mr Greer had immediately identified the appellant in the dock; that was the first time he had been given the opportunity of identifying his assailant, owing to the head injuries he had sustained. That trial had thereupon been stopped, and a new one started the following day with the appellant alone in the dock.

Mr Felix Waley, QC, and Mr Samuel Wiggs for the appellant; Mr Brian Pollock for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE CUMMING BRUCE said that Mr Greer was manoeuvring his lorry outside his butcher's shop when he hit and slightly damaged the appellant's Triumph car, which contained the appellant, Mr Shepbard and Mr Williams. After some minutes of discussion of compensation and exchanging of particulars, a fight broke out, in the course of which Mr Williams's jaw was broken and Mr Greer received severe head injuries. A year later Mr Greer's memory was still patchy and he had difficulty in talking. The prosecution case was that his injuries had been caused by the appellant striking him on the head with an iron bar.

The first trial had been stopped on the ground that Mr Greer's dock identification was prejudicial and unfair by reason of the familiar principles emphasized and clarified in *R v Turnbull* ([1976] 3 WLR 445). At the second trial Mr Shepbard and Mr Williams were brought into the well of the court and Mr Greer was asked in the witness box whether it had been either of them who had struck him on the head. He replied in the negative, adding that they were both fair haired men. He was then asked if he could give a description of his assailant, which he had not done before. He described a man with dark hair and sunken eyes (which tallied with the appearance of the appellant). By that time it had become clear that the identity of the assailant had narrowed down to one of two men, since Mr Williams's movements were established from the time his jaw was broken.

Mr Waley submitted that the identification procedure that had been followed was unfair, and had been vitiated by the same vice as the dock identification in the previous trial. The court disagreed. Mr Greer had not been asked to identify his assailant out of a large class of possible assailants after a fleeting glance at the time of the crime.

He had had the opportunity of knowing the appearance of the appellant and Mr Shepbard, men with significantly different physical attributes, during the minutes spent discussing the car accident. Although he had had only a fleeting opportunity to recognize his assailant on the occasion of the attack, that was an opportunity to recognize whether it was one of the two men he had just been talking with, and if so which one.

If the recorder had appreciated, in the first trial, that that was the real issue in the case, it was unlikely that he would have stopped the trial. Similarly, no objection could be taken to the evidence of the description of the assailant given by Mr Greer when considered in the context of the circumstances.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: L. R. Burke & Co; Metropolitan Police Solicitor.

Maintenance order devalued

McGrady v McGrady

When considering the variation of a maintenance order made years ago the fall in the purchasing power of the pound was a relevant factor, the Divisional Court of the Family Division said.

The court allowed a wife's appeal from the refusal of Liverpool City justices to increase an order of £1.50 a week which had been varied in 1948 from an order of £2 made in the wife's favour in 1945 on the ground of the husband's desertion. The justices had considered it inappropriate to increase the order because the parties had lived separate lives since 1944.

MR JUSTICE ARNOLD, who was sitting with Mr Justice Wood, said that the parties had married in 1942, separated in 1944 and had been divorced in 1953. The wife had worked and brought up the two children of the marriage, without recourse to the husband. In 1970 she ceased to work because of arthritis. By now she had exhausted her savings and was living on a disability pension of £16.50 a week. The husband, who lived alone, earned £110 a week gross.

In deciding the amount of maintenance in such circumstances, the court should have regard to the value of the award in 1945 in the light of the purchasing power of the pound today when £12 was needed to buy the equivalent of £2 then; and the difference between the wife's present means and what she received when she was working. She had earned £34 a week in 1970. Applying the one-third rule as a starting point and reflecting in the order the shortness of the marriage and the long separation his Lordship would substitute £12 a week for the £1.50.

The first case cited in *Cantliff v Jenkins* (October 25) was *Bull v Bull* [1955] 1 QB 234).

In *President of India v John Shaw & Sons Ltd* (October 28), Gregory, Rowcliffe & Co were agents for John Taylor & Co, Manchester.

Stock Exchange Prices

Another weak session

ACCOUNT DAYS : Dealings Began, Oct 31. Dealings End, Nov 11. § Contango Day, Nov 14. Settlement Day, Nov 22

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1976/77 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
99¹³⁄₁₆	92¾	Trans 4½% 1972-77	99⅞	..	4.006	5.033
101¹³⁄₁₆	93½	Treas 9% 1978	101⅞	..	8.833	5.197
104⁹⁄₁₆	93½	Treas 10½% 1978	103⅝	..	10.163	5.430
100¼	88¾	Exch 5% 1976-78	99⅞	..	5.006	5.138
97¾	82¾	Treas 3% 1979	95¾	+⅛	3.137	5.509
107	92⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 11½% 1979	105⅜	+⅛	10.918	7.262
98¾	82¾	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	97⅛	+⅛	4.376	5.885
106⁹⁄₁₆	88⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 10½% 1979	104¾	+⅛	10.024	7.560
97⅛	82¾	Elec 3½% 1976-79	96⅛	+⅛	3.643	5.568
106⅛	84½	Treas Cnv 9½% 1980	102⅝	+⅛	8.772	7.745
105⅝	84½	Treas 9½% 1980	102⅝	+⅛	9.285	8.337
98	79½	Fund 5½% 1978-80	97	..	5.412	6.520
96	78¾	Treas 3½% 1977-80	93¾	+⅛	3.733	6.136
112⁹⁄₁₆	96	Exch 13% 1980	110	..	11.915	9.168
108⁹⁄₁₆	89⅞	Treas 11½% 1981	106	..	10.852	9.366
94¼	76½	Treas 3½% 1979-81	91½	..	3.824	6.413
104	82½	Treas 9¾% 1981	101½	+⅛	9.641	9.352
110⁹⁄₁₆	97⅛	Exch 9¾% 1981	100¾	+⅛	9.465	9.453
113⁹⁄₁₆	96¾	Exch 12¾% 1981	110⅞	+⅛	11.498	9.432
93½	92	Exch 3% 1981	92	..	3.261	3.370
100¾	79½	Treas 8½% 1980-82	97	..	8.760	9.304
98⅞	95⅞	Treas 8¼% 1982	96	+⅛	8.589	9.346
93½	69¾	Treas 3% 1982	89¾	+⅛	3.389	6.168
115⅞	98⅞	Treas 14% 1982	115⅞	+⅛	12.078	9.473
103⅞	93½	Exch 8¾% 1982	99½	..	8.331	9.458
87¾	83	Exch 3% 1983	83	..	3.640	7.048
113	88¾	Treas 12% 1983	110¼	−⅛	11.071	9.937
101¼	96¾	Treas 9½% 1983	98½	−⅛	9.514	9.904
95	68¾	Fund 5½% 1982-84	88¾	−⅛	6.267	8.040
98¾	74½	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	96¾	−⅛	9.071	9.573
87	60⅞	Fund 6½% 1985-87	83	−⅛	7.543	9.358
92½	66⅞	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	88¼	−⅛	9.006	9.952
73½	44¾	Trans 3% 1978-88	65¼	−⅛	4.673	8.079
75¾	48	Treas 5% 1986-89	70½	−⅛	7.128	9.161
93½	61⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	89	−⅛	9.827	10.229
120½	88½	Treas 13% 1990	115¼	−⅛	11.698	11.284
111	90⅞	Treas 11¾% 1991	105¾	−⅛	11.489	11.408
75¾	47⅞	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	70½	−⅛	8.221	9.828
117	83	Treas 12¾% 1992	112¾	−⅛	11.357	11.513
112	88¾	Exch 12¼% 1992	107¾	−⅛	11.696	11.567
115½	81	Treas 12½% 1993	110¾	−⅛	11.710	11.555
126	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	117⅞	−⅛	11.919	11.623
73¾	45⅞	Fund 6% 1993	67⅝	−⅛	9.005	10.330
127⅝	91⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	122⅞	−⅛	12.108	11.740
113¼	84½	Exch 12½% 1994	107¾	−⅛	11.523	11.706
93⅞	59½	Treas 9% 1994	85½	−⅛	10.498	10.858
49¼	28	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	46⅛	−⅛	6.512	8.990
58¾	28⅞	Gas 3% 1990-95	47⅞	−⅛	6.309	9.016
110¾	87⅞	Treas 12% 1995	103⅝	−⅛	11.704	11.660
119¾	79	Treas 12¾% 1995	108¾	−⅛	11.751	11.615
91⅞	58⅞	Treas 9% 1992-96	85⅞	−⅛	10.693	11.032
133⅞	97⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	123⅞	−⅛	12.148	11.826
123⅞	81½	Exch 13¼% 1996	112	−⅛	11.802	11.630
121	83⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	113⅞	−⅛	11.651	11.665
77¾	45	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	66¾	−⅛	10.139	10.840
134⅞	95⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	120¾	−⅛	12.063	11.784
89⅞	58	Treas 8½% 1997	83⅞	−⅛	10.673	10.997
96⅞	62¼	Treas 9½% 1999	89⅞	−⅛	10.953	11.133
43⅞	30⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	40⅞	−⅛	8.832	10.040
81¼	51	Treas 8% 2002-06	73⅞	−⅛	10.738	10.918
59½	35⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	53⅞	−⅛	10.392	10.640
90	50⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	74	−⅛	10.800	10.876
34⅞	23⅞	Consols 4%	36⅛	..	11.338	..
38¼	23¾	War Ln 3½%	34½	..	10.030	..
38⅞	23⅞	Conv 3½%	36⅝	..	9.651	..
24¾	19½	Treas 3%	26⅞	..	11.140	..
24	16	Consols 2½%	22¾	..	11.103	..
23½	16⅛	Treas 2½% Aft 75	22¼	..	11.369	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1976/77 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
61½	45½	Aust 5½% 76-78	100	..	5.511	6.254
90¼	77	Aust 5½% 77-80	95	..	5.804	8.096
67¾	65	Aust 5½% 81-82	96	..	6.437	9.622

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
117	56½	AAH	94	..	8.1	8.5	7.2
142	46	AB Electronic	106	−1	7.6	7.2	7.3
38	25	AC Cars	35	..	1.5	4.2	8.7
76	22¾	AGB Research	65	−4	3.2	4.9	10.8
220½	99½	APV Hldgs	197	+3	8.1	4.1	7.8
73	26	Aaronson Bros	64	−1	2.8	4.4	7.3
21	10	Abrasives Int	19	..	0.9	4.7	11.3
110	34	Aerow	100	..	3.6	3.6	11.4
98	30	Do A	83	+3	3.6	4.4	8.4
41	7½	Adda Int	32	..	0.8	2.4	..
252	134	Adwest Group	223	−5	13.2	6.3	6.2
63	16	Aeron'l & Gen	38	−2	3.5	8.8	10.3
47	38	Airfix Ind	54	+1	4.4	8.2	7.1
197	91	Albright & W	102	−3	6.5	6.4	6.6
96	82	Alcan 10½%	101½	..	1050	11.5	..
115	89	Do 9% Cnv	£110	..	900	8.2	..
300	167	Algemene Ind	277	..	19.7	7.1	10.3
79	41	Allen E. Balfour	56	..	6.7	11.9	..
62	36	Allen W. G.	56	−3	4.2	7.5	5.9
100⅝	29½	Allied Colloids	84	−1	2.3	2.7	14.8
66	29	Allied Insulators	60	..	5.3	8.8	7.2
24	13	Allied Plant	20	..	1.1	5.5	7.2
30	15⅞	Allied Polymer	21½	−½	2.4	10.6	15.4
185	55½	Allied Retailers	167	−3	12.1	7.3	8.0
46	14½	Alpine Hldgs	36	..	2.5	6.8	21.6
282	190	Amal Metal	280	..	21.5	7.7	5.4
138	56½	Amal Power	126	−1	8.0	6.3	7.0
39	17½	Amber Day	31	−3	2.9	9.5	4.4
15	7	Amber Ind Hldgs	15	..	0.8	5.0	4.2
96	37	Anchor Chem	80	−1	6.0	7.5	5.9
37½	31½	Anderson Strath	49	−1	3.9	8.0	6.8
87	51	Anglo Am Asph	64	..	3.7	5.8	5.2
670	300	Anglo Amer Ind	475	..	42.9	9.0	4.4
42	16	Ang Swiss Hldgs	36	..	..	..	..
81	40	Applegard	70	−3	6.7	9.6	6.1
38	15	Aquascutum 'A'	37½	−½	3.1	8.6	8.4
114	30	Arlington Mtr	102	−7	10.1	9.9	7.4
77	38	Armitage Shanks	65½	−½	6.5	9.9	9.5
73	35	Armst Equip	58	−2	3.1	5.3	9.9
124	80	Ash & Lacy	112	..	9.2	8.2	5.4
33	37	Asprey 6% Pf	52	−1	6.0	11.5	..
96	50	Ass Biscuit	85	..	4.8	5.4	8.5
96	49	Do A	80	..	4.8	5.6	5.3
136	52	Ass Book	130	−7	6.1	4.7	5.7
78½	43½	Ass Brit Food	67	−1	3.3	4.8	6.3
143	56	Ass Engineer	115	−2	7.1b	6.2	8.4
55	22½	Ass Fisheries	47	−1	5.4	11.6	9.4
57½	22½	Ass Leisure	47½	..	4.7	9.9	8.8
196	85	Ass News	150	−3	7.9	5.3	8.5
51½	13	Ass Paper	31	..	4.6	8.8	..
264	114	Ass Port Cement	256	−1	13.1	5.1	8.5
108¾	38	Ass Tel 'A'	96	..	9.9	10.3	6.7
39	13	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5	13.3	20.2
39	21	Astbury & Madley	33	..	1.7	5.7	4.5
50	35	Atkins Bros	48	..	5.1	10.7	7.6
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Sheila Black

Trading post

They could hardly be prettier, more colourful, more fun and yet more elegant than they are at General Trading Company, an apt name despite the prosaic undertones because the old general trading posts were where the fun began after long periods on some dutiful or monotonous task. To go into the shop is to be bathed with a feeling of luxury and a longing to spend and to give. To open up their leaflet is to get some idea of the charm and versatility of the place.

On one side of the opened leaflet are gifts for under £5, including some very sturdy, heavy-based tumblers with initials sandblasted on to their curved sides in large and important letters and all for £1.35 the tumbler (40p postage). Then there is a dainty ashtray or pin or paperclip tray, of heavy brass, made in India in the shape of a flattened apple and complete with leaves and stalk, the whole just 3½ inches long and rather better looking than the price of £1.45 suggests (22p).

A little pottery cachepot is realistically patterned to look like bamboo canes and would be charming with an African violet in it—the cachepot is £4.95 (£1). The garden cushion really works but looks too pretty to be that functional. A floral patterned fabric exudes citronella to keep away the insects and the underside of the cushion is coated with PVC to be even more practical. With such forethought, you will hardly be surprised that the lounards are waterproof and that the price is £4.60 (35p). The Meadow Herbs pack to make pot-pourri is £2.80 (25p) and the Crabtree and Evelyn soaps are their usual tempting and fragrant selves in their rosette packs for Musk, Eglantine and Damask rose scents at £1.80 for three tablets, also boxed (45p).

Gallery brass trays are handsome and are gleaming to look light but to feel solid in diameters from 8½ inches through 9½ inches and 11 inches to 12 inches. Prices are, in order of size, £1.50 (45p); £2 (65p); £2.50 (83p); and £3.50 (83p). Try also little brass oval boxes for the sweetening tablets, just 4 inches long by 1½ inches deep, woven from brass strips and with lift-off lid for £1.80. Or there are plain, shiny brass boxes with hinged lids at £1.20 (35p for each box).

Hand-made especially for GTC are dark, cool, crisp, peppermint bitter-lemon or bitter-orange discs of chocolate in green, gold or red foil in marbled boxes holding ½lb for £1.50 (40p). Fascinate children of all ages from five to 95 with pads holding 100 sheets of writing or scribbling paper shaped like elephants, pigs and bulls. Stick a pencil in the eye and keep it by the phone or in the office. Roughly 8in long by 5in wide, they are £2.50 each (40p). And, for mugs that could displace the teacups, give the flowery Coalport china mug especially designed and made for Tiffany, the breakfast jeweller in New York. The name is Flourish, the capacity half a pint and the price £3.10 (31p).

Above £5 is a cheese bell, as I am assured they are called, a lovely thing in Mason's Ironstone, opulent with fruit and leaves, 9½in long and fit to hold 1lb of the best cheese at £6.40 (£1). And, if I may remind readers, the best cheese comes by the truckle at around 5lb or 7lb and over from Priory Farm, Chewton Farms, Chewton Mendip, Somerset (tel Chewton Mendip 560).

Meanwhile, back at General Trading, they also have early morning china sprinkled with little shamrocks for luck; a cork ice bucket; an amazing massive Spode jug, about three feet around its portly girth, for £40 in a blue Italian pattern, just ideal for the punch; Magimix, the efficient French cook's machine that grates, slices, mixes, liquidizes and kneads the dough all in one compact goblet; a marvellous carpet bag of which range no two are alike because all are hand-made from cleaned, lined and double stitched pieces of old carpet. Strong corners and leather handles that adapt as shoulder straps make it practical as well as quaintly pretty and, at 15in high on a 14in wide base it is good carrying value as handbag, feminine brief-case or for overnight at £22 (£1.46). There are more things on this eminently well-designed but no-nonsense leaflet so send to General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street (the Sloane Square end), London SW1X 9BL (01-730 0411).

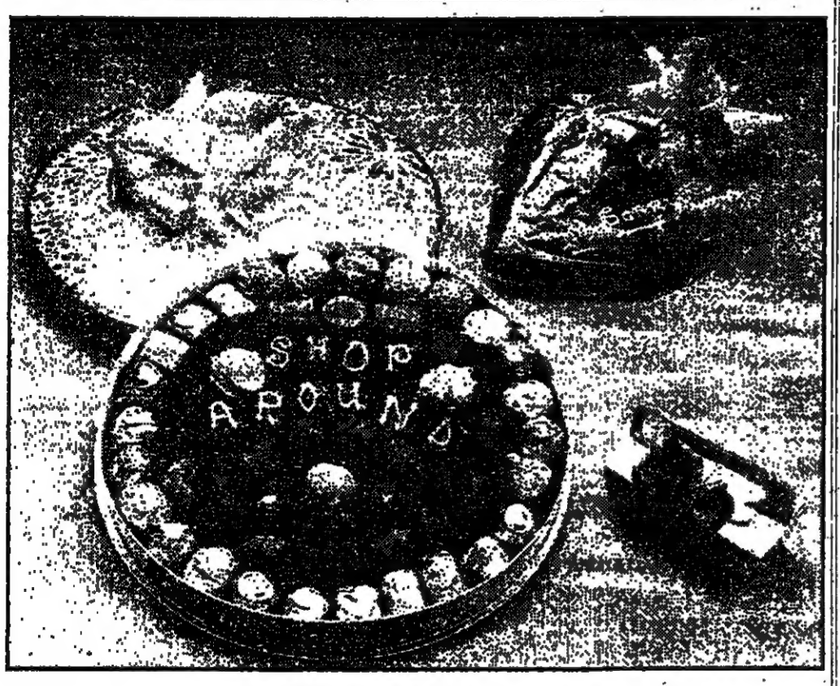
Gifts galore

When Parrots opened, the Fulham Road, even near South Kensington, was still in the throes of becoming a good shopping area. It had one or two good shops that augured well for the future and had been established by Habitat (now Conran) near what is always called the Michelin corner. Now, from the luxuriant Flower House along to the smart nightwear shops called Night Owls, there is much to tempt you including a host of lovely things in paper at Paperchase, which is spacious and packed with enchanting displays of cards, posters, calendars, diaries, papers, paper plates and table napkins, wrapping paper, and a lot of table accessories that make you long to give parties and dinner parties. A place for those lower-priced gifts that make people happy.

Parrots is at 56 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-584 5699) and is as much an all-England gift shop as a place to visit in person. The merchandise is different and is great fun being chosen with wit and taste. The silver catalogue, very jubilee, gives more than 600 ideas and can be bought for 50p. Sturdy pens from Cartier at £70 and see that ubiquitous pen-calculator, this time companioned by a pen that is also a digital watch and calendar (£29.40 and £39.80 respectively with 30p postage). Or what about a minute refrigerator to take in the car (£125)? Try a really cute plant communicator to tell you the moisture needs of the plant, looking rather like a modern periscope or a sawn-off golf club, it is the best design I have seen and it costs less than others at £5.95 (35p). It purrs when the plant is happy, cries or gives a shrill whistle when thirsty and clicks noisily for more fertilizer. The pronged probe is ultra sensitive, but so are plants and I shall soon put this on my lists of wants.

Ivory jewelry is so good here that I wish I didn't wonder whether elephants are becoming extinct to create it, so I would personally look at the gold jewelry which is modern and chunky, costing a lot of money at £300-plus but giving value. Book-match covers, lighter cases and note pads are smart, as is the container on a chain for the Cricket type of lighter. Pretty herb pillows and covered hangers, bedroom mules, sponge bags and pochettes will take anyone anywhere, even to the stateliest homes, for Christmas. Little heart-shaped keyrings are something I have never seen before and they come from Italy to Parrots for sale at £2.85 (15p). Cheque book covers bearing the phrase "Rich Bitch" is an 80p joke that amuses many a youngster (15p postage) and Italy is also responsible for green and white rabbit-shaped tureens that are so much prettier than they sound at £12.80p (£1.20).

A zebra-striped tray should wake up early-morning tea drinkers with a start but pretty Limoges china ashtrays and trinket boxes should soothe anyone. Children will adore many of the toys—which are often at low prices—but I think you will want to buy as many of the toys for grown-ups as for little ones. Joke ornaments like miniature loo and bathroom sets are not my taste, but I have to confess that they are well designed and I am amused by the top-and-tail soaps from Italy. Busty breasts, ending in a neck hung with the classic three-row pearl necklace is matched by the buttocky bottom, both fleshy pink in rounded plastic containers at £1.90 each (25p). Whether you want copies of Fabergé boxes for £2,000 or cute little gifts at £1 or £25, you really will find so much that is original at Parrots that you cannot go wrong. Special numbers for Christmas orders 589 3225.



Chocolates

There are chocolate connoisseurs and enthusiasts as there are for wine, and they will rarely be happy with anything but the best. Clare's Chocolates are to be found at 3 Park Road, Baker Street, London, NW1, or at 163 George Street, W1 (01-262 1906 or 01-262 8428). There is no real mail order service as such but they do arrange posting or you can buy in time to post yourself. Their novelties are many and they have even been asked to make an Easter egg enclosing a diamond ring, a gift I'll bet she accepted with joy. The business is owned by the Dobrins, who came here 50 years ago from a famous Berlin chocolate house. They use 200-year-old recipes, real fruit, real cream and so on and their chocolates taste like it.

The heart you see here is £4.50 or £5.50 according to size, is filled with chocolates and adorned with a suitable message than can be anything from "I love you" to "Get well". The little golden boxes with the carrying handles are enchanting at 80p and there is a double size for £1.60. Companies could give them because each box can be printed with the giver's name for roughly £50 per 2,000 boxes. Mr Dobrin insists that too few people care properly for their chocolates, which should last well in constant temperatures of around 65/68°F. They should never be left in the fridge or near radiators and should not be carried in heated cars so, if driving your chocolate gift to a friend, pack it so that it is well insulated.

You can get Clare's list complete with packing and postal charges and you will see quite a range including bittermint crisps, after-dinner mints, mouth-watering Harlequin boxes full of candies, jellies, fondants and chocolates or of Continental favourites like noisettes, pralines, marzipan, nuts, hard centres and truffles. But you will give joy to anyone with the named boxes like the one shown here. The letters are creamed on, not stuck on, and the smallest size on which it can reasonably be done is the 1lb size at £3.70 (the message is from about 30p or 50p extra according to what it reads). This classic assortment goes up to 14lb boxes for £13 and any of them can be posted all over the world as they regularly are. And do not forget, if you want to give diamond rings for St Valentine's or Easter day, start ordering your heart or your egg in good time.

Perhaps the most famous name in chocolates is Charbonnel et Walker, who will post to anywhere from New Zealand to Alaska and whose chic, glossy chocolate-coloured brochure is a temptation in itself. I like their simple white boxes with the golden cords and the dark chocolate assortments, but a more attractive and unusual gift might be the cigar drums of coffee crisp batons at £2.25. Charbonnel also does the message boxes, in the Boîte Blanche drums, with moulded and gold-foiled pieces spelling out the names or words. Prices range from a 1lb box with 14 letters or numbers at £5.55 up to 10lb boxes at £38.85 for which you can have 50 letters or numbers. Bittermints are £2.85 per lb. But what I love most from this 102-year-old shop are the fancy things, like the exquisite hand-made "lace basket" packs, which can be trimmed or mounted with cats, dogs, ponies or even the rather less domestic elephant. The ginger chocolates are terrific, much too tempting, and the enchantingly floral, oval theatre boxes are worth keeping just to look at when the chocolates are eaten. They make to their own old recipes too, and their history is studded with anecdotes like the serious anxieties of 1910 when the king's death led to "dumb grief in the West End" near Charbonnel et Walker who seriously thought of taking off the cherry brandy being served with a couple of cherries as by all high-class confectioners. It seems that old ladies would have their carriage and pair drive them from chocolatier to chocolatier and often reached Charbonnel et Walker quite drunk. One infirm old dear was told of the absence of cherry brandy the moment she alighted—assisted, naturally—from her carriage. Charbonnel is the place for bespoke chocolates and is at 28 Old Bond Street, London, W1, near the Piccadilly end (01-629 4396).

Godiva chocolates are to be found in the Richoux restaurants—each has its own counter for good chocolates and charming confectionery novelties. Godiva head office is at 108-110 Brent Street, London NW4 2HH (01-202 0122), but they retail only at Seefeld Palaza at 88-90 Regent Street (01-434 1478). Their speciality is the silk box which can cost up to £20. The silk boxes are changed every two or three months to blend with the various seasons and the Christmas silks are ready in late November. They also post world wide and can meet many a special demand.

Eating & drinking

The prime factor in Christmas eating and drinking must be the turkey, and Bejam, the freezer and frozen foods people, are doing their bit by holding prices so that at £5.64 a 12lb bird is now only 60p more than it was last year. Which is pretty good when you consider that they are doing Matthews, plump, unwasteful birds which have butter worked in under the skin so that they need no basting but come out moistly sweet. In stock are the popular sizes, so you should be able to buy exactly the size you want instead of having to eat for ever or go short. At Bejam they started their Christmas shopping and planning last February, so that we could all plan ahead too and be free on Christmas Day. Many of their prices are down from last year, many are the same and the few increases are small on their basic lines—which are rather less basic than most such lists. The self-basting Matthews Golden Norfolk turkey is 57p per lb which proves that Bejam's planning and tough attitude with suppliers worked. And don't be ashamed of buying cakes, smoked salmon and other delicacies because they have bought them well and there is certainly no shame in freezer foods these days if it allows the householder to be with the guests and family.

If you can store smoked salmon without freezing, you will get a really first-class buy from Nigel D. Mizen, Sprunks, Knightons Lane, Dunsfold, Surrey (Dunsfold 468). Obviously not Scots salmon, but the fish are carefully and knowledgeably chosen by Mizen, who knows what to look for and who does his own smoking. It sells at £4.20 per lb plus 67p postage. You can freeze it, of course, but do not unwrap it. If you live near the place, call in for smoked salmon mousse which is great but cannot be posted. Quail, a nice change from the richer foods of Christmas, is subtle, easy to cook in so many different ways, always reliably tender because it is so young, and fast to cook for the same reason, as well as quick to thaw out. They arrive fresh but can be frozen if wrapped and protected really well. Available from the end of November at £5.76 per dozen plus £1.27 postage (a dozen is the minimum order).

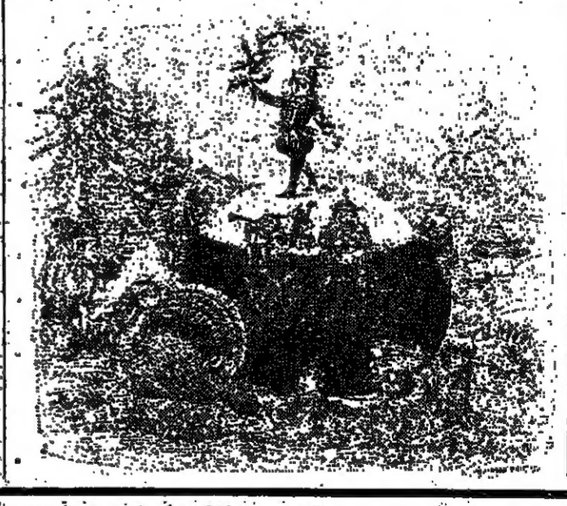
Wash down whatever you drink with a good wine and buy it from Les Amis du Vin which is a friendly shop in London where you get good wine along with good advice or a mail order business, as it best suits you. The shop is open from 10 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday and until 4 pm on Saturdays and you will love browsing among the really original wines, buying cooking wines, falling in love with some of the antique glasses, and being intrigued by the names and places on the labels which will be new to you. If your taste is for stronger stuff then choose from 80 malt whiskies. I found it hard to believe that anyone would stock 80 but was assured that connoisseurs of malts have the fiercest loyalties and are not only emphatic about what they want but will not take substitutes.

The Mailly champagne, exclusive to Les Amis, is one of the best surprises you could give or keep to yourself. Mailly is a village in the Champagne district with all the vines classified as 100 per cent. The producers broke away from the others in 1929 and dug a 16-kilometre tunnel in order to get their Champagnes out rather than lose their distinctive identity or risk receiving the rates fixed by those with poorer-standard vines. This champagne has style and the rose derived colour by leaving the grape skins with the juice before the first fermentation, makes it the pluperfect celebration tipple—the colour stimulates the right mood and the flavour delights.

What you get from Les Amis du Vin is good value rather than supermarket prices—and a zest for adventure. The wines are chosen by David Wolfe, absolutely my favourite expert because he tastes and recommends without too many preconceived ideas. The service and the atmosphere live up to his tastes and you will find beginners as happy in the shop or with the mail order lists as connoisseurs and dedicated enthusiasts. They have also just brought out a little catalogue that includes some of drinking's accessories like a tastevin that is bound to appeal to a great many and which, silver plated on a long chain, will make many a drinker proud to wear it. To personal shoppers it is £9.50 but, alas, it is £10.95 by mail and good value even at that, nested in a box for presentation in the grand manner. There is also a fine silver-plated decanting funnel at £15 with which, they suggest, you could sieve the tea in the spirit of those who line their raincoats with mink. Ask if this can be posted safely as it is not yet in the mail order list, which also has good corkscrews, champagne stoppers, cork pullers, silver-topped corks to keep the wine overnight, replicas of antique bin labels *et al*. Ask about the Newsletter service.

Wine books include the *Boozer's Diary* at £1.10, due at any time when I called in but not yet there so I cannot describe it, a number of leading works on wines and other drinks, the aforementioned accessories and others, and of course the wines themselves or a wine token will solve many of your giving and getting problems besides adding to the traditional merriment. Les Amis du Vin is near the middle of Baker Street, and parking is not bad in that area for there are many meters. The address is 51 Chiltern Street, London W1M 1HQ (01-487 3419).

Jacksons of Piccadilly—it is hard to decide whether their catalogue is best included under the eating and drinking or under the general stores heading, for it now features home accessories like mirrors and aprons or teapots and cheese dishes as well as food and wine. An interesting, bamboo-framed glass painting is a lush basket of fruit and sells in various basic colours. The herb, cheeses, pates, canned delicacies and exotic foods mean that you will need to spend most of the evening browsing through this catalogue, which costs 50p by post (35p to personal shoppers who can then make out their armchair lists). New are the Jackson's own label foods, first-class gourmet lines for the most part. At 171, Piccadilly, London W1, 6a/6b Sloane Street, London SW1, or Halsey and Sons, Market Place, Hitchin, Herts.

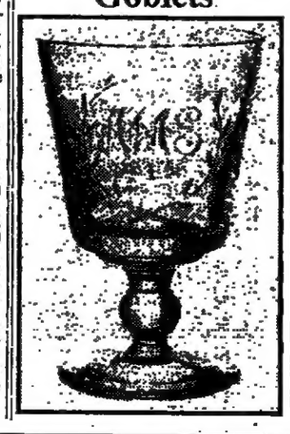


Grays is an old-fashioned place with modern methods. The service is first-class, the food as reliable as ever and the banquets for bachelors offer menus, all in cans, that give him the right aura but leave him time for romance. You will never find a wider range of canned foods than in this catalogue and you will also be able to order wines, dried flowers, pot plants like poinsettias and glace fruits as well as special silver jubilee ironstone jars containing half a pound of a special tea. They organize gift services overseas, although we are rather close for Christmas for many parts of the world as they need orders finalized before the end of November. So send for the leaflets and catalogue at once, and may I particularly commend their soups. The address is Grays of Worcester, Orchard Street, Worcester (Worcester 352386).

Scotland Direct has always specialized in Scottish jewelry, glass, pottery and many other gift lines, dedicated exclusively to Scottish wares. Now comes The Scottish Gourmet, a division which offers exclusive food and drink on the same lines. Launched as a club last May, it has proved popular and has a list that is as yet short enough to make ordering easy. Fine cheeses from pastures overlooking the Moray Firth or from Galloway could go with some fine Ceylon teas arbitrarily referred to as Scottish cuppas because they are blended and packed by the Melrose family which set up business in 1812 in Edinburgh and was involved in the clipper trade. The less-Scottish Muscadet, at £8.95 the three-bottle pack, is sold because it goes so well with Scottish smoked fish—the wines of Scotland being what they are, the club needs to include a few foreigners.

There are some rare whiskies, handmade chocolates, butter shortbread, some malts to please, Arbroath smokies, smoked trout or fresh salmon and grouse, "the red grouse that feed on the tender green tops of the ling and the heather and, in autumn, on local ground fruits like blaeberries. This helps to create its unique flavour and it is supplied oven-ready, stuffed with a traditional Highland mix of oatmeal and whisky." At this rate some body will have to think of a Scottish word for blarney, but, seriously, these young grouse sound wonderful at £7.50 the brace and I wish you bon appetit. The address is The Counting House, New Lanark, Lanarkshire (Lanark 2574).

Goblets



Sip the wines and whiskies from a Stuart crystal initialled goblet. This goblet 30107 with the curved stem is 5 inches tall and costs £6.50—a noble gift. There is another goblet (30252) which is 5¾ inches high with an air-twist stem, at £12.75, more romantic than classic but it requires 12 weeks for delivery. Goblets with single engraved initials are in stock at Mulberry Hall, Stonegate, York (York 20736). You can have two initials but delivery is protracted and the charge is £2 per extra initial. Postage and packing is £1.25 each, regardless of quantity ordered. Even on the 30107 only goblets with single initials are in stock and double initials or more are charged extra and also take three months as do the brandy goblet at £7 and the ½ pint beer tankard at £6.75. Leaflets available.

Jigsaws

Have your face made up in Switzerland, be you male, female or undecided. Have your dog, cat or child made up there, too, as a Photopuzzle jigsaw measuring 9½ by 7½ inches. Take it to pieces and send it to families, suggesting they all make it together and guess the finished result but enclose a small prize (wrapped up) for the one who shouts the answer first.

Send the photograph, monochrome or colour but no transparencies, please, to Studio 4, 62A Elsworthy Road, London NW3 and wait four or five weeks until the jigsaw comes back from Switzerland. Obviously you can give it whole for instant impact but, even if it goes to non-doers of jigsaws, it is that much more intriguing if they are told the pieces must be made up for a very special reason. A lovely, fun gift that is worth every penny of £3.95 per Photopuzzle plus 40p postage etc. The final date for Christmas orders is November 15.

Herbs

I have written of Meadow Herbs which, despite their products being at a number of shops, have opened their own shop at 47 Moreton Street, London, SW1, near Pimlico Station so this is no more than a reminder of their postal leaflet which offers ingredients for port pourri, herbs for your own recipes, and the predictable accessories like sleep sachets and drawer-scenting sachets which do make such pretty, happy presents.

But there is another delightful herb collection, from Tumblers Bottom Herb Farm which is at Kilmersdon, Radstock, Somerset (Radstock 3452). I cannot resist a bundle of liquorice sticks at 9.5p or soap leaves for a lady who is always travelling and can peel off one scented leaf at a time from her little booklet, sold in three booklets for £1 or six for £1.95.

Guy Cooper and Gordon Taylor, who run Tumblers Bottom, are refugees from the city rat race and are loving what they have learned about herbs, their growing, their uses and indeed their commercial adaptations. They have set up shops at Beaulieu and at Woburn Abbey and put together a range of gifts from books to sleep pillows (yes, they are everywhere). They sell the plants in season and there cannot be a single herb missing from the long, long list. They are not cheap but who is these days. The gift leaflet is free, the herb catalogue is 20p.

Department stores

Most of the stores still produce their catalogues, workmanlike and packed, like the Heal's version. Christmas shopping is helped at Heal's by the customer's car park (which is not always full) and by the enormous number of buses that run near it—to say nothing of a couple of pretty local Tube stations (Goodge Street and Euston Square). You can arrange for a pushchair and stimulate yourself to even more expenditure the healthy way at the Cranks healthfood self-service restaurant or buy health to take home with you. Herbs, spices, kitchen things that please and good cakes vie for your favour with the original Farrah's toffee in old, old looking tins from the early designs. Superb wine glasses, a whole mass of little presents like sachets and bath essence make the stocking easy to fill while rather glamorous photo frames and backgammon could help with the major presents. Heal's is, need I tell you, at 196 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1 (01-636 1666) or at Tunsgate, Guildford, Surrey. You can save a lot of money on normally expensive leather furniture right now.

Harrods is what you would predict, coolly and casually rich and sumptuous with such graceful beauties as a perfect, clear-crystal flying dolphin on a chrome stand, made by Daum, where superb crystal comes from, and a stunner at £180. Very, very expensive modern glass and chrome furniture should be bought to go with the dolphin, as should an unusual music cabinet all in whiter than white acrylic (mindful of a harmonium that is back to front and housing turntable, cassette deck, amplifier and so forth all for £1,049). An exquisite Lalique bottle is filled with perfume and stands proudly for £75 and would look good with the "tortoiseshell" hand mirror at £18. Luggage, jewelry, pure silk scarves, fine kid gloves and even a satin-finished nylon umbrella are all at prices you would rarely expect to pay for such things but, I must confess, they look expensive and understatedly expensive at that—which is the true sign that they cost a lot. Harrods is at Knightsbridge—actually in Brompton Road but they have always managed to hang on to the Knightsbridge address—London SW1.

Into a similar category of expensive but looking it are the gifts from Jenners catalogue (simply addressed Princes Street, Edinburgh). Classic shirts, sweaters and skirts for women, short or long, are simple and so English. Apart from a charming handknitted bedjacket (£11.95) the nightwear is pretty ordinary but the leather lines are good. To be fair, Jenners has dug out a lot that is reasonably priced to scatter through the pages like a long, Paisley shirtwaister dress for hostesses that is such a change from the loose caftans and good value at £19.95, or like little whatnots for desks at home or in the office and other stationery items. Very good idea for the young is the attaché case which doubles as brief case for school books or first job needs and as a cassette holder when the fitted, compartmented innards go in (£5.50). A very smart cassette storage cabinet in teak holds 69 cassettes and costs £15.25 and there is an executive skipping rope in a leather case, marked with the description of the contents, for £3.75.

Asprey attracts the rich to silver-plated egg-timers at £43 or to fine Russian Icons at £2,600 or to antique furniture. Miniature salt shaker and pepper-grinder set are encased in green, red or yellow and should ensure that your buffet or cocktails are seasoned to your personal taste as they fit in pocket or handbag (£13.50 plus £1 postage). Silver dressing table set in the fancy Bird and Scroll design is £485 and is something that is quite a rarity these days. Jewelry cases in soft, richly-coloured suedes are £29 and there are some lovely watches and carriage clocks as well as some lovely old jewelry. So take your thousands to 165/169 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 6767) or to 153 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 or to Geneva. Or send for the catalogue and buy from anywhere.

The President's Selection is smallish, in a thin but clear and well-presented little booklet. It has the calculator-pen at £36; the amusing but very sensible Hide-a-Safe at £59 (this is a safe, disguised as a coathanger, which lets out a raucous alarm when tampered with). Portable telephone in a box is £127 and a cassette recorder combined with a calculator is £80. The President's address is 151 Meadfield Road, Langley, Slough, Berks.

David Mellor is the smartest, tidiest ironmonger you will ever visit. A good designer in various materials, Mellor is a man who can furnish and accessorize your kitchen with his own good taste and you can select with him from a plump catalogue with some 900 illustrations and I cannot think that any single thing is missing. The basketwork cutlery tray, the marble pastry slab, made by one of the leading stonemasons to smooth your pastry and cake work and the white willow-basket cheese tray are redolent of a graceful age when servants below stairs did much of the work—but all translate to modern ethnic kitchens as long as there is space. Mellor does the green glass bottles, curved, short and stumpy with spring-clip tops that keep tomato juice or small measures of home-made cider and beer fresh—they hold ½-litre and are normally difficult to find but worth every penny of 31p for those who use small portions and like to make their own brews of any kind. Roller towel holders, salt boxes, pots, pans and fancy dishes are all in this book, which costs 75p to personal shoppers or 95p by post from David Mellor, 4 Sloane Square, London, SW1. Everything can be mailed.

Oxfam's catalogue is as good as ever and some new things come into each one to join the more familiar lines. Prices are still almost startlingly low and you do contribute to an excellent cause by getting the current edition from Oxfam Activities, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1JD. The National Trust offers honey in beautiful jars, English china plates superbly adorned with old-fashioned and shrub roses against a large area of white so they look cool, unlike the busy patterns of so many rose designs. Nice as gifts for £1.90. Old-fashioned barleysugar and a Victorian sweet assortment are from Culpeper, the herbalist, and are nice little mementoes at 55p each. There are a great many National Trust shops around the country including one in London at the Bleweoat School in Caxton Street. The mail order address is National Trust Mail Order, Western Way, Melksham, Wiltshire (Melksham 704545).

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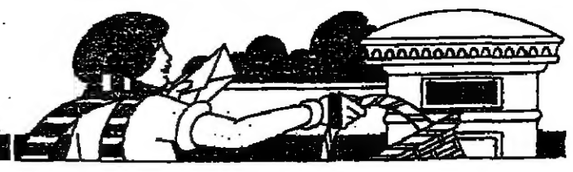

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BIRTHS

DEVONSHIRE.—On November 3rd in Umtata to Felicity (nee Botrall) and Richard—a daughter (Josie).

HAWKINS.—On November 4th in Shaftesbury to Sarah (nee Harden) and Brian—a son (Thomas Anthony).

LAYDEN.—On 2nd November, at Salvator Mundi International Hospital, Rome, to Josephine (nee McGhee) and Anthony—a son (Andrew Michael).

MARCAR.—On Thursday, 13th October, to Sonia and Stephen, of 4 Old Palace Lane, Richmond—a daughter (Francine Veronica).

OLIVER (Salisbury, Rhodesia).—On October 30, 1977, to Judy, wife of Dr. Matthew Oliver (son of Dr. and Mrs. John Oliver)—a son.

TOWNSEND-ROSE.—On November 3rd at the Nairobi hospital, Kenya, to Elizabeth and Richard—a daughter.

BIRTHDAYS

REMEMBER, REMEMBER The Fifth of November but not for the reason they say, Nikola West, the girl we love best, is Twenty-One—Hooray! C.P.R.J.

BELL, ROSEMARY.—21 today. Congratulations. Rosie rules. O.K.—C.

MARRIAGES

BOYD : POWER.—On Wednesday, 2nd November, 1977, quietly in London Alex, younger son of Mr. and Mrs G. F. Boyd, of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Power, of Haslemere, Surrey.

36th ANNIVERSARY

POLITEYAN : RICHARDS.—On Nov. 5, 1941, at Egg Buckland Church, Plymouth, Flt.-Lieut. Ronald Chrysostom Politeyan, R.A.F., to Third-Officer Beryl Marguerite Richards, W.R.N.S., now of Ealing and Templeshoon House, Elmer, Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

HILL : FLOYD.—On 6th November, 1927, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Lawn Road, Uxbridge, James Hill to Rose Elizabeth Floyd.

MALPAS : CAMERON.—On 5th November 1927, at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, by the Rev E. Hadley, Percy Malpas, F.R.C.S., son of Emma Malpas, to Anna Cameron daughter of Thomas Cameron. Now of Bell Lane, Cassington, Oxon.

DEATHS

AUDREY.—On Friday, 4th November, 1977, at his home, after long illness, borne with great courage and patience, Cyril, dearly loved husband of Doreen. Cremation at Woking crematorium on Wednesday, 9th Nov., at 11.30 a.m. Flowers may be sent up to 10 a.m. to F. Harrison & Son, Ltd., 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Egham. 2163.

BOURNE.—On November 3rd, 1977, peacefully in hospital, Sir Frederick Chalmers Bourne, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., of Eachon Hill, Buxted, dear husband of Heather. Funeral service at St. Margarets, Buxted, 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, November 8th, 1977, followed by private cremation. No flowers, local friends only.

BROOKS.—On 4th November, 1977, after a short illness, Dorothy Mildred, of 21 Highfield Road, Sutton, widow of Ernest Alfred Brooks and greatly loved mother of Tony. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Thursday, 10th November at 10.30 a.m.

COVILL.—On 2nd November, at home, Keith Knapp Covill. Memorial service in St. James Church, Newbottle at 3 p.m. on Monday, 7th November. Funeral private. No flowers, please, but donations if wished to Cancer Research.

DAY.—On Nov. 3rd, at his home in Cheam, Walter Harold Day, F.C.I.S., beloved father of Pauline, John and Cedric. Formerly director of Wellman Smith Owen Engineering Corporation Ltd. Funeral service at St. Marthas Church, Epsom at 3.15 p.m., Nov. 9th, followed by cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Flowers may be sent to Truelove, Cheam.

GRAY.—On November 2nd, peacefully in hospital, John McKinlay, of 11, Gomshall Road, Cheam, Surrey, most beloved husband of Sarah. Cremation, Randalls Park, Leatherhead, 10 a.m., Tuesday, 8th November. Flowers to: J. & J. Gray, 18 Perth Road, Dundee, Scotland, on Thursday, 10th November, for interment of ashes.

HARPER.—On November 4th, at her home after much suffering, bravely borne, Georgette, wife of Clifford and mother of Mary, Dorothy-Rose, and Edward, and a dear grandmother. Cremation private.

HENDERSON.—On October 28th, 1977, peacefully in University College Hospital, Margaret, beloved wife of the late John Henderson and mother of Jane and son-in-law Alex Comfort. "Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

HERRIES.—On 3rd November, 1977, Helen (nee East), suddenly at home in Massachusetts, U.S.A. Beloved wife of John Wilson Herries and mother of Elizabeth, Catherine and Richard. Elder daughter of Mrs W. East and sister of Rachel Mussell. Inquiries to Mrs Rachel Mussell, 15 Hatcliffe Close, Blackheath, London, SE3 9UE.

HOLLINS.—On Nov. 3, 1977, at Preston Royal Infirmary, Ruth Anderson Hollins (nee Tullis), widow of J. C. H. Hollins, of Dolston, Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley, Lancs. Funeral private.

IVOR JONES.—On Nov 3rd, Edwina Claudia, M.A., J.P., in her 94th year, at the home of her daughter, Van Meredyth Davies, 6, Lichfield Rd., Kew, Richmond, Surrey, widow of R. Ivor Jones, M.A., one time headmaster of West Monmouthshire School, Pontypool. Cremation at Manor Park, E7, on Monday, Nov 7th at 4.00 p.m. Family flowers only.

KAPLAN.—On Thursday, 3rd November at Brasted, Kent, Samuel Lewis, Dental Surgeon. Interment at Witton Cemetery, Birmingham, 2 p.m., Monday, 7th November.

KLEINWORT.—On Nov. 3rd, Ernest G., suddenly at Haselands, husband of Joan and father of Kenneth and Gillian. Cremation private. Memorial service to be announced later.

LENTON.—On October 31st after an illness courageously borne, Andrew Michael Babington, aged 64. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Janet and John. Joint headmaster of Rose Hill School, Tunbridge Wells and lately of Carn Brea School, Bromley. Service at St. Pauls Church, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday, 9th November, followed by private cremation. Donations to Cancer Research, c/o The Manager, Lloyds Bank, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells, or cut flowers to W. & F. Groombridge, telephone Tonbridge 353954.

LOCH.—On 1st Nov., Kate Alice Muriel, of Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, widow of Major General S. G. Loch, peacefully, in her 97th year. Funeral at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 7th Nov., at Pertenhall Church. Cut flowers or garden posies only by her wish. No letters, please.

MACMILLAN.—On November 2nd, at his home, Ivy Garth, The Green, Sheldon, Devon, Eric Duncan, after a long illness borne with great fortitude, husband of Eva (deceased). Much loved father of Moira and Janet. Funeral service at St. Andrews Church, Ashburton, on Tuesday, November 8th at 2.30 p.m. No letters please, family flowers only, donations if desired may be given to St. Andrews Church, Restoration Fund, c/o The Treasurer, 30b West Street, Ashburton.

NACHSHEN.—On Nov 3, 1977, Maurice, aged 78 years. Deeply mourned by his family. Prayers at 2 Wycombe Gdns., N.W.1, at 7.15 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. until Thursday morning.

NOBLE, ARCHIE.—On 3rd November peacefully, aged 83 years. Dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, a former director of Thames Board Mills. Cremation on Saturday, 5th November, at Whitley Bay, Northumberland. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to the Heart Foundation.

POTTER.—On November 3rd, 1977, Frank Potter, M.A., Ph.D., of Tumblers, Maybourne Rise, Mayford, Woking, dearly loved husband of Jean and father of Andrew and Christopher. Service at Guildford Cathedral at 11.45 a.m., on Tuesday, November 8th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers. Donations, if desired to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, for research purposes.

REES-MOGG.—On October 28, 1977, peacefully at Tiverton District Hospital, Mary Joyce Ann Rees-Mogg, late of the C.M.S. Hospital, Old Cairo, aged 81. Service of remembrance at St. George's Church, Tiverton, on Thursday, November 10, at 12 noon. Donations if wished to the Church Missionary Society, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU.

SCHARBIUS.—On 3rd November, peacefully, in Newport News, Virginia, U.S.A., Doreen Scharbius (formerly Chaplin, formerly Scott-Barrett), beloved wife of Bill, dear mother of Jonathan and Julia, and loving grandma of Marcus, Dominic and Miranda.

WEBB.—On Nov 3rd, 1977, suddenly at his home, the Rev. Canon Ronald John Webb, A.K.C., loving husband of Marjorie and father of John, Carol and Stephen. One who dedicated his life to the service of others. Funeral service conducted by the Rt. Rev. J. Adams, Bishop of Barking, at St. Michaels, Manor Park, E.12, on Wed. 9th Nov. at 3 p.m., followed by cremation at City of London Crematorium at 3.50 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Mission to Seamen, St. Michaels, Paternoster Royal, London, E.C.4.

WILSON-GREEN.—On November, 1977, suddenly in Swindon Hospital, Dorothy Mary (nee Prestige), lately of Spring Hill Court, Nailsworth, much loved widow of Arthur Wilson Green, MA., mother of Joan and Letitia, grandmother of Richard and great-grandmother of James and Louise. Funeral at 2.15 p.m. on 8 November at Nailsworth Parish Church, followed by private cremation at Cheltenham.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BALSDON.—A memorial service for J. P. V. D. Balsdon will be held at Exeter College, Oxford, at 2.15 p.m., on November 26th, 1977.

LITTLEWOOD.—A Memorial Service for John Edensor Littlewood, some time Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics in the University of Cambridge, will be held in Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday, 26 November, 1977, at 2.00 p.m.

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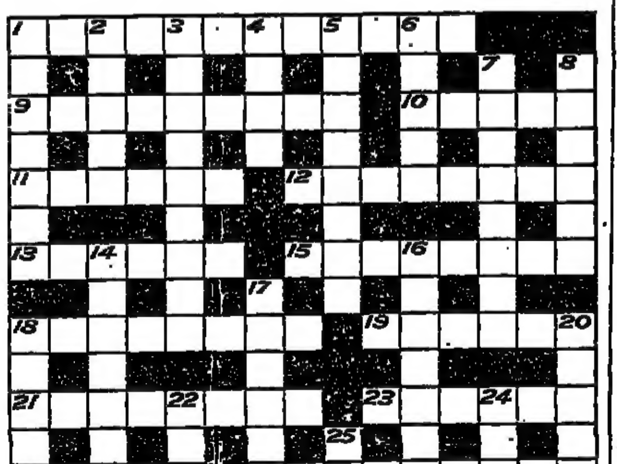

ACROSS

1 Expense avoided if you're late (4, 2, 6).
9 Note what Fred Archer could do in prison (9).
10 Cricketer opens board meeting (5).
11 Nymphet returns a money receptacle, empty (6).
12 Players get fish with an on-board manoeuvre (8).
13 Woman that made the nine tailors (6).
15 Judge returns reward to the rest, perhaps (8).
18 Abjure apprehension about various rows (8).
19 Pleased about getting in, but looked angry (6).
21 Extra new angle to E (8).
23 Takes up some training as outsider (6).
26 Calls for retirement, put in charge (5).
27 10 at an assembly in a Spanish city (9).
28 An American rather than a recent immigrant (3, 9).

DOWN

1 Repairs stonework in a way (7).
2 Upset by direction on medicine ball (5).
3 A bowler's foul, or a bonus to a batsman? (9).
4 Observe a number standing up in grounds (4).
5 Resident found in house—half German (8).
6 Time put in near West End (5).
7 Teasing about one's companion on flight? (8).
8 Account book of a saint of course, we hear (6).
14 Fish given up by consumer of port (8).
16 Play written by mother includes older parts (9).
17 Piano thing, this little piece (8).
18 Field Marshal describes his Great War allies (6).
20 Abandon hope of 18 dn rebuilding Paris (7).
22 Author goes wrong about a point (5).
24 Make appeal for soft metal (5).
25 Card-game habit given up (4).

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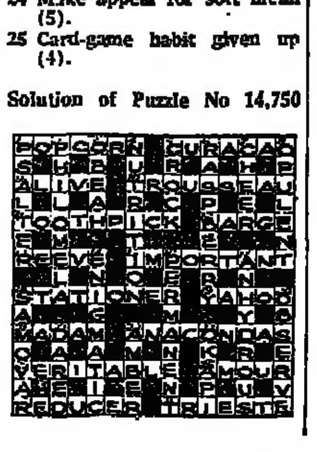

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